

EMMAUS SUMMER SPECIALS

LAUNCHING JUNE 6 · WEDNESDAY NIGHTS · 6:30 TO 8:00 P.M.

Understanding Islam: What is the good news of the Gospel for Muslims?

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Description

You've seen it talked about on the news. It has dominated politics and divided public opinion. But what is Islam? What does it teach? How should we respond to the 1.8 billion Muslims around the world, both abroad and right in our own backyards? As we are confronted with the realities of Islam, we should replace fear with understanding. Despite the crucial differences between Christianity and Islam, there is common ground that we can use as a bridge to share the Gospel with Muslims. This class will give you biblical insight into Islam, historically, theologically, and culturally, while we aim to answer the question "What is the good news of the Gospel for Muslims?"

WEEK 1 (June 6)

Title: Islam Today

Description/Outline: This first week will be a discussion on the class' current perceptions of Islam and experiences with Muslims. We will then focus on how Islam spread across the globe to shape the present day Muslim world.

WEEK 2 (June 13)

Title: Islam Historically

Description/Outline: We will trace the origin of Islam back to the story of Ishmael in the Bible, and look more closely at Muhammad and the development of the Qur'an. We'll discuss the core beliefs and rituals of Islam.

WEEK 3 (June 20)

Title: Christianity and Islam / Christians and Muslims

Description/Outline: While there are critical differences between Christianity and Islam, there are also similarities that we can use to build bridges between ourselves and Muslims. We'll discuss these similarities in detail, as well as differences in perceptions between Christians and Muslims of each other.

WEEK 4 (June 27)

Title: From Debate to Discovery

Description/Outline: Moving conversations away from debate and toward mutual and authentic discussion of who God is and how to seek Him is necessary for fruitful engagement with Muslims. We'll look at examples from the Bible of engagement with non-believers to inform how we can practically and Biblically engage with Muslims.

WEEK 5 (July 11)

Title: The Gospel for Muslims.

Description/Outline: The Gospel engages Muslims in a way that we, as Westerners, may not naturally have context for. We will look at the Gospel from an Eastern perspective, and outline a Gospel narrative that uses specific Gospel stories to most-effectively illuminate the importance of Christ in their lives.

WEEK 6 (July 18)

Title: What Now?

Description/Outline: Application/Practicum/Review