

Session 5

Camel Destinations

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Part 1: Getting to the Bible

The purpose of the camel method is to find the man of peace. But, what do you do when you find him? Once again the best model form ministry is Jesus. In Luke 24:13-31 after Jesus was raised from dead; he met two his disciples walking along the road to Emmaus. They did not understand why Jesus was coming to the world, why he died, and even that he has been raised from dead? Jesus took these disciples back and began in the Old Testament. He showed them in the law, the prophets and the psalms, the things concerning his coming. He explained why he had come and die for their sins and be raised again. And he opened their understanding to receive the truth. So the first thing that you must do with the man of peace is to take him from the Qur'an to the Bible. You can explain to him that the Qur'an tells us a few things about prophets like Nuh(Noah) *Ibrahim* (Abraham), Musa and (*Moses*) and Dawuud (*David*).

The Prophets: Nuh (Noah), Ibrahim (Abraham), Musa (Moses), Dawuud (David). But the Taurat and the Zabur tell us all about the lights.

The Qur'an tells us a few things about Isa, but the Injil tells us all about his life, what he taught, what he command us to do? Then you can show them the Qur'an encourages them to go to what they call the before scriptures.

This the first that is Taurat – Torah(Old Testament), Zabur – Wisdom(Psalms), Injil – Gospel(New Testament).

These are the Holy books given to the Jews and the Christians, in the Qur'an the Jews called the people of the scripture, and the Christians are called the people of the Gospel. In the Surah 5:65-66, the Qur'an says thereby observing the Torah and

Injil, a person can have his sins forgiven and be brought into the gardens of the light which is heaven.

"Your First Destination- From Qur'an to the Bible"

Pages 69-72 in the Camel Rider's Journal.

Part 2: Discipling a Person of Peace

Now that your Muslim friend is ready to hear what the Bible has to say you have four responsibilities:

First, you must see that he gets a copy of the Bible in the language in which he is most comfortable reading. If you involve a volunteer team, those you're working with would be able to help you.

Second, you must pray that the strongholds of Islamic beliefs will be broken down and his mind and heart will be opened to receive the truth of the gospel. In the 2Corinthians: 10: 4-5 the Bible tells us, "for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ." (NKJV)

Third, you must take him through the stories in the Old Testament that will help him understand why Jesus had to come.

And fourth, you must bring him to the New Testament and help him understand what Jesus did for him and how he can be saved through faith in Jesus.

In your workbook we have including two tools, that you may find helpful sharing the Gospel with your Muslim friend. One of this is what we would call "A Suggested Story List." This is a very basically stories that can be used to explain the Gospel to Muslim. Each story has a explanation of the important points that you can use to help your Muslim friend understand the message of the salvation. If you have continued contacting with your friend, you can get together week by week and go through the stories one at a time. That would be the best way to use these stories. But if you only have one opportunity meet with him, you can use this story list as an outline to share the Gospel with him all at one time. I have used this use many times with Muslims and found it takes thirty minutes to an hour to effectively share the Gospel. Another tool you would find in your workbook is the Korbani Plan of Salvation. Korbani means

a sacrifice, each year Muslims offer a sacrifice during the festival of Eve, they buy a sacrificial animal such as the goat, cow, camel and

on the day of Korbani Eve, the family gathers together, the father will take piece of the paper with the names of the family members, relatives and individuals close to the family written on it, the names are read aloud. Then the family places their hands on the animal its throat is cut, and death of the animal is meant to cover the family and names on that paper. Then the meat is divided and some is given to the poor.

The Korbani Plan of Salvation: *Uses the concept of the Muslim Korban as a bridge to begin to talk with a Muslim about the sacrifice of Jesus.* These tool is included in your workbook and they will explain further there. in working with Muslims, you must realize that it is extremely rair for a Muslim to come to faith in Jesus. The first time that hears the truth about Jesus. They may have never been exposed the stories in the Bible and truth about Jesus. They need time to digest of all these, they need time to consider the cost of their choice to become a follower of Isa.

In my mind, I can still see the face of the Aolly john, he is the Muslim copy dealer and **an ancient city along the silk road** I met him as I was looking for the local Mosque, I said I had some questions about the Qur'an and he agreed to get his Qur'an and meet with me. I went through **amrou** (00:03:48) with on him and he wanted to hear more about Isa, so we met again. And spent several hours in the third chapter of John and in Luke, I talked to him about praying to receive Christ. With tears wheeling up in his eyes, he said: I believe this, but I need some time, I told him that I understood the high cost for him to become a follower of Isa. He nodded in agreement. I found another Christian worker in that city and introduced him to Aolly John. So that he would have someone to help him in his journey to Christ. It is hard for us to understand the cost for a Muslims to come to Christ.

In the Asian counties where the church planting movement was taking place in average time take Muslims to come to faith in Jesus is about three months. In some places, the average is much longer, so you need to plans and spend some time with

your Muslim friend If he is going to come to faith in Jesus. If you're a volunteer or only in the place temporally and you find the man or women of peace, you need to arrange for someone to continue working with that person after you have gone. It is tridical that this person of peace has someone to continue to help him in his journey to faith in Jesus.

"Your Second Destination- Discipling a Person of Peace"

Pages 72-73 in the Camel Rider's Journal.

Part 3: Prepare to Reach Out

So, where do you go from here? what God gives you he expects you to use, So you need to go and try the camel method. You will find it is just like anything else, the more you use it, the better you will get using it. Remember this, you can't fail unless you simply don't try. The first few times to use the camel method you may forget everything you supposed to say. Nevertheless, if the passage in the Qur'an is read, your Muslim friend will hear some truth about Jesus. Jesus would be lifted up before him and so you will not have failed. We need to do the best we can to be prepared, but *God can use our stumbling and fumbling activity far better than he can use our well-polished inactivity.* There is something about our obedience that pleases God and causes him to show himself strong on our behalf. In order to get started the first thing you need to do is to get a partner. Jesus sent his disciples out two by two. Why do you think he did that? There were many good reasons, support, having a prayer partner, encouragement, in safety just to name a few. But I think the most important reason why he paired them up was accountability. When you agree with someone to do something, you carry through and you do it. Find someone who has a same heart you do for reaching Muslims and get busy learning how to do it.

Next, you need to write down a list of Muslims you know or places you know where Muslims should be. Then pick someone or some places on that list and go try out the camel, it is just that simple. As the Chinese proverb says: the journey of thousand miles begins with the first step. The first step always seems to be the most difficult one to take. I will never forget, the first time I tried out the camel method. Kevin, the originator of the camel took me out with him to a mosque in the city where we lived, we found the Imam which is like the pastor of mosque. Then Kevin turned the conversation over to me, Imam got his Qur'an, and I stumbled through the Al-Imran. The crowds of twenty or thirty Muslims gather around, they kept interrupting, bringing up stories from the Hadi. It took two hours to finally get through the passage. I remember sitting in front of that mosque thinking this is really going nowhere. When I finished the camel, we thank them for talking to us. I remember one man said: "come back anytime, we will be glad to answer your questions about Islam. I think he thought he had a chance of converting me.

I felt that i totally failed, but as he walked away two young men called up with us and begin to walk alongside us. They were brothers. One of them said:" you must come to our house." They took us to their home, they gave us tea, sandwiches, then we talked. They agreed to hear more about Isa from the Bible. I had to leave town that very day, but for the next few weeks, Kevin went to their house almost daily, sharing story from the Bible. I've seen this over and over again-Muslims wanting Bibles, wanting to hear more about Isa.

As I've learned to use this camel method God has literally caused me to marvel as he has drawn out the man of peace, and he will cause you to marvel too. My God bless you and cause you to be fruitful in the work of his kingdom as you learn to ride the camel.

"Reaching Out"

Pages 81-83 in the Camel Rider's Journal.