



Innovative Truth

Bringing Scripture to Life

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Dear Friend,

“When you show your Muslim friend that the bible has never been changed, you answer the most common question Muslims have. 1.2 billion Muslims today have never heard the words of Jesus. 7 Million of them have moved to America still waiting for an authentic Christian witness.” - Fouad Masri (Founder of Crescent Project)

This past month we are praising God for 2 new people, of the Muslim faith, who have joined an Innovative Truth small group bible study.

It can be a tricky thing to allow people of another faith, that do not believe in Jesus as the son of God, to join a group. These new participants are full of questions and are eagerly seeking to learn commonalities and differences between Islam and Christianity.

Speaking recently to a ministry partner, Jason shared with me a training course in which he and his wife Karla had participated.

The course, called *Bridges*, designed by a Lebanese American Pastor (Fouad Masri) teaches Christians the main questions Muslims are asking about the Bible and how to share Christ with them based on common ground between the two faiths.

This was of great encouragement and value to us as we want to answer their questions biblically, lovingly, and wisely.

I encourage all to go to the Crescent Project website at www.crescentproject.org to get more information on the Bridges study to learn more fully about how to share Christ with Muslims effectively.

Here are two things that caught my attention in *Bridges*:

AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE

Muslims believe the Bible has been **corrupted**, and the Qur'an replaces the Bible. Yet the Qur'an tells Muslims to read and trust three things:

- Tawrat, (the first five books of the Old Testament)
- Zabur, (the Psalms) and
- Injeel (the gospel message of Jesus).

So when we give the Bible to a Muslim to read, and point them to the words of Jesus, we're not asking them to go against anything the Qur'an teaches.

WHO IS JESUS

This part gets tricky because while the Qur'an says Jesus was merely a prophet and not God's son, it also says He was born of a virgin AND is the **Word of God**.

Armed with this knowledge we feel more encouraged about sharing the good news of Jesus Christ to Muslims.

Please pray for these new seekers that the Holy Spirit would illuminate their minds and hearts with the light of the gospel. And pray for us as we surrender to the Spirit to share the word of God in this context, with wisdom and grace. Things are getting spicy! Thank you for sharing Christ through your ministry Innovative Truth!

With all our love,

Note: Although the Qur'an agrees with the Bible that Jesus is the Word of God and the Spirit of God, Islamic leaders teach he was just a man who was never crucified and will return to earth someday.

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