

Bridge-points in ministering to Muslims

Introduction:

- The Mission – the challenge and the excuses made

Bridge-points and etiquettes:

Love them

- Show Christ-likeness: 'Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love' (1 John 4:8)
- *Conduct, customs and apprehension*
- Do's and don'ts and hospitality

Use the Word of God

- State what we believe, clearly and without apology, showing support from the Word of God. If you don't know the right answer to a question or query, be honest! Find out!

Be in Prayer for them

- Our burden of prayer should be like Paul (Romans 10:1 - ; 9:1-3)
- It is not us but the Holy Spirit who convicts and wins the minds and hearts for Jesus.

Ask good and searching questions

- Why do you do what you do? i.e. Pray, fast, keeping the law
- May I show you what the Bible say?
- Are you sure that God will accept you in heaven/paradise?

- What does the Qur'an teach about forgiveness?
- May I show you what our scriptures say?

Be a good listener

- By listening, we learn a lot how the Muslims we meet view things in general.

Present the Gospel in Simplicity

- Avoid complex theological terminology, and be careful about using scripture that contains figurative language.

Present JESUS

- A Muslim will be more interested in what Jesus said, did or commanded.
- The claims of Jesus: Uniqueness, Assurance, eternal life, 2nd coming

Avoid polemics – and wordy arguments

- Arguments may win a point . . .
- The gospel is the main course; Apologetics is just the seasoning.

Persevere

- Muslims have a lot of re-thinking to do when they are confronted with the gospel.