

## Chapter Discussion Questions:

### Chapter 1: The Beginning

1. How does the Bible play a major role in world history today?
2. How can we say Islam is really a "home-made" religion? Can you think of other religions that also follow one person's ideas about the Bible?
3. How did Muhammad's evangelism techniques differ from those of Jesus?
4. Why is there such hatred by Muslims toward Jews and Christians?
5. What three religions mark Jerusalem as their "holy city"?

### Chapter 2: The Five Pillars & Hadith

1. Why is Islam considered a "work righteous" religion? How does that differ than Christianity?
2. Read about Hagar and the well in Gen. 21:19.
3. Pillar 1 - How is Islamic confession different from our Christian creeds?
4. Pillar 2 - How is the Muslim view of prayer different from the prayer God teaches?
5. Pillar 3 - How is the Islamic way of giving different from what the Scripture teaches?
6. Pillar 4 - Were the Old Testament believers told to fast in order to assure them of blessings? Why do we give our gifts to God?
7. Pillar 5 - Jesus made a trip to Jerusalem when he was twelve. Why do we not do that today?
8. Jihad - Why did Muhammad propose the jihad? How in this the ultimate terrorist threat against the world?

### Chapter 3: The Sects

1. Why is there so much hatred between the Sunnis and the Shiites?
2. How can it be that a religion with sects that hate one another could stand side by side against the world?
3. The radical Wahhabis have been tied to the 9/11 suicide bombings. How can any religion claim such violence as a doctrine?
4. Many in our country today, including those within our educational systems and political arenas, lovingly embrace the Islamic religion? Why is it important to educate ourselves with Islam's teaching and background?

### Chapter 4: God & Allah

1. Why is the belief that Christians and Muslims worship the same God so popular today?
2. In the witnessing to a Muslim, where do you think you would begin?
3. We call many Muslims fanatics. We get our English sport term "fan" for that word. Is it wrong to be fanatical about faith? How can we be "fans" of our Christian faith?
4. Discuss: It would be a waste of time to point out the differences between God and Allah to a Muslim.
5. Should I participate in a joint prayer with Muslims to show that I do not hate them?
6. Who am I to judge that the God of the Bible is the one true God and Allah is not?

## Chapter 5: The Bible and the Quran

1. Does the Bible contain "war verses" that incite us to kill our enemies?
2. Are there any good arguments against the clarity of Scripture?
3. Does 2 Peter 1:20-21 apply to Muhammad?
4. What would you say is the single most important difference between the Bible and the Quran?

## Chapter 6: Daily Life, Special Issues

1. What about Islamic daily life may be attractive to people searching for something better in their own lives?
2. Compare the motivation in Christianity and Islam for doing right and avoiding wrong.
3. Do the good principles of religious freedom and religious toleration in the United States color my mission zeal toward Muslims?
4. Comment on some of the ways Islamic fundamentalism is showing itself in the world today.