

# SUNDAY SESSIONS

## World Religions

WEEK 1 - ISLAM

### Initial Stats

Founder: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Muslim's in the world: \_\_\_\_\_

Largest Populations

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

Largest percentage of population

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
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### History of Islam

Time of founding/beginnings - \_\_\_\_\_

Islam means: \_\_\_\_\_

Islam means peace. Therein lies the soul and spirit of Islam. It is ironic that this religion of peace is understood today in the West as the religion of war, terrorism, chaos and disorder. While in reality Islam is not only peace in name, but peace pervades all its teachings, and works as the key to its understanding. If translated literally, the second meaning of the word Islam is submission. So the words peace and submission create a complete picture of Islam. While peace is in relation to the Muslim's attitude to his fellow human beings and also in relation to the deep content he finds in Islam, the word submission describes the attitude of the Muslim to God. So in one single word, the entire philosophy of this religion is summed up.

- Mirza Tahir Ahmad // An Elementary Study of Islam

Islam does not mean "peace" in Arabic in the classic sense of the term. Islam means "surrender." This term carries a significant double meaning. To the Muslim, it evidences his position in the religion—he is willingly surrendered to the rites, rituals, and practices of the religion. The term surrender carries a profoundly different meaning for Islam when applied to the unbeliever. Central to Muhammed's message was the subjugation of the kafir (unbelievers) under Islamic law. Muhammed established Islam as a complete and total world system. It impacts one's beliefs, diet, dress, work, home, politics, and allegiances. As such, Islam is completely theocratic. Simply put, Islam and democracy are mutually contradictory; they cannot coexist. In true Islam, the laws, protocols, ethics, and teachings of Islam are the law of the land.

- Ergun Caner // Popular Encyclopedia of Apologetics:

## Sects of Islam

After Muhammed's death there were arguments regarding who should be the next leader.

Some felt that there should be a vote - \_\_\_\_\_

Others felt that the successor should come from Muhammed's blood line - \_\_\_\_\_

## Holy Books

\_\_\_\_\_ : The compilation of the visions that were given to Muhammed. The highest authority in Islam.

\_\_\_\_\_ : Shares examples from the life of Mohammed on how to live upright and ethically. It is therefore used as the primary tool for determining Islamic law (sharia).

\_\_\_\_\_ : Narrations of the life, deeds, and sayings of Muhammed.

# Belief and Practice

## Five Core Beliefs

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ // Tawheed (unified)

O People of the Book! Do not go to extremes regarding your faith; say nothing about Allah except the truth.<sup>1</sup> The Messiah, Jesus, son of Mary, was no more than a messenger of Allah and the fulfilment of His Word through Mary and a spirit 'created by a command' from Him.<sup>2</sup> So believe in Allah and His messengers and do not say, "Trinity." Stop!—for your own good. Allah is only One God. Glory be to Him! He is far above having a son! To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. And Allah is sufficient as a Trustee of Affairs. - sura 4:171

The sin of blasphemy is known as \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

## 5 Pillars of Islam

1. \_\_\_\_\_ - There is no God but Allah and Muhammaed is his prophet

2. \_\_\_\_\_ - Prayers are offered towards Mecca 5 times daily

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- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ - Muslims are required to give a percentage of their money to the poor every year.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ - especially during the month of Ramadan

5. \_\_\_\_\_ - All Muslims are required to take the pilgrimage to Mecca at least once in their lifetime if they have the means to do so.

6. \_\_\_\_\_ - Holy war carried out for the expansion of Islam. Muhammed supported this and this was practiced regularly in the early years of Islam. Today, some radical Muslim groups still use violence to attempt to user in world domination of Islam and sharia law.

# Evangelism

- 1. Earn a Hearing**
- 2. Be courageous in the power of the Spirit**
- 3. Learn to Share the Gospel With a Muslim**
- 4. Share Your Story**