



## World Religions - Islam

Why are we looking at other religions?

-It's important to have a general idea where other people are when we talk to them about Jesus

-Chelsea ash Wednesday story

\*Most religious people are just like us in the sense they want to be good people, please God and help others

Islam

1.6 billion in the world

Shiites - more traditional, want Muslim government

Sunni- major majority, separate religion and government

Founded by Muhammad ibn Abdallah in AD 610

-received visions from the angel Gabriel

-gave him a message from Allah

\*the Bible is not based on mystic revelation but actual events

Five Major Beliefs

1) There is one god, Allah

2) Hierarchy of created beings

3) Sacred book- the Qur'an

4) History of Prophets- Adam, Noah, Moses, David, Jesus

5) Afterlife- If you do enough good you go to heaven, if not then eternal suffering

Five Major Practices

1) Daily, public recitation of the Shahadah

-"There is no God but Allah, and Muhammad is his messenger"

2) Prayers five times a day

3) Give alms of 2.5% of income

4) Regular fasting

5) Hajj- Pilgrimage to Mecca

-The only way to guarantee going to heaven is to be a martyr

How can Muslim's challenge us?

-they have a deep devotion to God in both their daily life and their destiny

-Romans 12:1

Where do we differ?

-Works vs Grace

-Allah is not very loving

-Jesus saves us completely by grace and we can be secure in our salvation

-Ephesians 2:8-10

-It is all Jesus works that save

-We simply accept his gift to us

-It is even the work of God in us that produces good work

-Ephesians 1:13-14

-At the moment of salvation we were given the Holy Spirit

-He is a seal and guarantee that we get to go to heaven

-Nothing can take away or salvation

-We need to be as committed to our God as the Muslims are to theirs. However, we are committed because of what God has already given us and secured for us.

Small Group Questions

- 1) Have you ever talked to someone that is a Muslim?
- 2) How would you present to someone the differences between Islam and Christianity?
- 3) How does it effect how you handle life to know your eternity is secure?

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