

Cross and Crescent

A study course to help Christians to understand Islam and relate to their Muslim neighbours

'There's a mosque at the end of my street.'

'Our Muslim school governors are asking for all sorts of privileges.'
Islam is growing steadily but what do Western Christians know about it?

What are the basic Muslim Beliefs?

Is the God of Islam our God?

Can we use the Bible to explain our faith to Muslims?

How do Muslims living in Britain feel?

We hear a very confusing array of comments on Islam. Muslims and Islam get a lot of coverage in the media, but how much of what we hear is true and fair? All this information can make us feel that we would like to know more about Islam. Is that the right thing to do as a Christian? What would be a Christian approach to such study? Some people worry what others will think – 'will they think that I want to become a Muslim myself?'

Christians meet Muslims everyday at work, in schools and colleges, on the bus! Many Christians want to understand a little more about Islam and explore how to speak of their faith in Christ with Muslims. Given current developments in the world, more and more Christians want to find out more about the political dimension of Islam in order to increase their understanding and find ways to work together for peace.

This five session course takes some steps towards answering some of these questions, questions that naturally arise for Christians with Muslim neighbours. The aim of the course is to show a way of developing our understanding of Islam and show why it *is* a Christian thing to do to study Islam in this way. It teaches about Islam, Muslim beliefs and practices, and also gives insight into their everyday life.

The Cross and Crescent course book was written by Colin Chapman, a Mission Partner with the Church Mission Society who has a long experience of living and working alongside Muslims. It is produced jointly by the Church Mission Society and Faith to Faith and in recent years has been used by many Christian groups around the UK and a few abroad.

More about Cross and Crescent from the Faith to Faith website
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