

Extra Day 2 (August 1st)

## MUSLIMS ARE PEOPLE

Negative media exposure abounds concerning Muslims and Islamic civilization. This can build prejudice, fear and negative attitudes. Let us allow God to search our hearts. Let us repent over any unclean attitudes toward Muslims which are not worthy of Christ. He has called us to love Him and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Muslims are also our neighbors. Above all else they are people. Certainly some are involved in violence and even actively persecute believers in Jesus, but wasn't this also true of the Apostle Paul? Muslims are also playing children, adolescents, newlyweds, working adults, parents and retired people. Muslims are friends, lovers, businessmen, artists, singers, philosophers, farmers and shepherds. Muslims are factory workers, craftsmen, shopkeepers, bus drivers, religious leaders, soldiers and presidents. Muslims are our neighbors.

Muslims have hopes, fears, dreams and disappointments. Muslims, like all of us, are subject to the effects of sin, death, and evil in the world.



**Questions:** *Do we really want Muslims to discover new life in Christ? What will we do so they can discover the joy, laughter, faith, and love found in Jesus? Do we really want them to inherit the new heavens and earth which God has promised to those who love Him (2 Peter 3:13)?*



Extra Day 3 (August 8th)

## THINK OF THE PEOPLES, TRIBES AND TONGUES

Remember the plan of God concerning peoples, tribes and tongues. Some versions of Christianity are particularly oriented toward individualism (my salvation, my problems, my happiness, my future). We need "big picture" Christianity. The Bible speaks of ethnic groups (nations), peoples, tribes, and tongues. Jesus is to reign over all. As is written in the book of Daniel, "One like a Son of Man ... came up to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him. To Him was given dominion, glory and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations and men of every language might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed" (Dan. 7:13-14).

**Questions:** *Do I have the big vision of the Messiah's kingdom? Is God's kingdom of all peoples more important for me than my own personal desires, plans, projects, hopes and aspirations. Meditate on Psalm 67:1-7, Mt. 28: 18-19, Rev. 5:9, 7:9, 10:11, 13:7, 14:6, 17:15 and 22:1-5.*

