



Discussion Guide for “The Good Muslim”

You Had to Be There Week 7

There are times when our beliefs don’t actually inform our behavior. While we may say and even think a certain “belief,” our behavior doesn’t always line up. But it works the other way flawlessly. Our behaviors give us a 100% accurate view of what we really believe. Jesus has a conversation with a teacher of the Law where he comes to the conclusion that the way you receive eternal life is through “loving God” and “loving your neighbor as yourself.” But that begs the question, “Who is my neighbor?” Jesus responds with a story that we refer to as The Good Samaritan. The crazy thing about this story is that the one who is neighborly to the beaten man is the one who doesn’t have the right beliefs, a person Jesus’ listeners would’ve considered an enemy. Our enemies are surprising allies that give us a unique opportunity to put what we say we believe into practice.

Scriptures for Further Reading

[Luke 10:25-37](#)

[Matthew 5:43-48](#)

[Romans 5:10](#)

[James 2:8-24](#)

[1 John 5:16b-21](#)

Questions for Discussion

1. Share about a time when your beliefs and your behaviors didn’t match up. Why do we do that?
2. How did story of the Good Muslim make you feel?
3. Sprang said this story isn’t about whether Muslims go to heaven. Why not? What *is* it about?
4. “Our greatest enemies are our greatest allies.” How is this true?
5. What does it look like for you to show love for your enemies this week?