

A sunset over a body of water, with the sun low on the horizon and its light reflecting on the water. The sky is filled with soft, golden clouds.

**Evangelism in your everyday
walk with Jesus.....**

**Truth in Love Apologetics Conference
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What is the Foundation and Inspiration for Jesus Followers to Reach Out to Anyone?

- ▶ Gen 1:27 “So God created man in his own image”
- ▶ Rom 5:12 “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men”
- ▶ John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”
- ▶ II Cor 5:21 “For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”
- ▶ I Peter 1:18-19 “For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver...It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.”
- ▶ Eph 2:8 “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God”
- ▶ Rom 5:1, 8.1 “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...AND there no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus”.
WE ARE SAVED FROM DEATH AND HELL TO LIFE!

We Love the Lord
for Who He Is and
What He has
Done... Jesus Told
Us to First Love
with All that You
Are, and Then to
Love our
Neighbor as
Ourselves. We
Love Him by
Obeying Him....

- ▶ Mat 28:18-20 “And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”
- ▶ Isa 56:7 “Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.”
- ▶ Act 1:8 “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”
- ▶ Eph 3:20 “Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us”

God Given Gifts

- ▶ 1 Peter 4:10 “As every man hath received the gift, *even so* minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”
- ▶ Romans 12:3-6 “Don’t think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us. Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ’s body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well.”

Who is Our Neighbor?

ANYONE! Perhaps Someone Who Comes from Within Our Own Group....OR... Someone Who Has Come from A Different Culture, Perspective, or People Group...Someone DIFFERENT than US....

- ▶ Unbelieving Family
- ▶ Co-workers
- ▶ Incarcerated
- ▶ LGBTQ+ Community
- ▶ Homeless/Homeless Shelters
- ▶ Immigrants
- ▶ People Groups Within Our Communities
- ▶ International Students
- ▶ People with Specific Challenges and Disabilities
- ▶ Hospice Patients Who Don't Know the Lord
- ▶ Nursing Home Residents Who Don't Know Jesus
- ▶ Hurting: Divorced, Abused, Those in Grief
- ▶ Neighbors
- ▶ Visitors / Casual Acquaintances

Could You Share with Someone Who is a Service Provider in your Home?



Is Your Neighbor Someone in a Nursing Home or on Hospice Care?



Involving Others in the Body of Christ



We Desire to Follow Him, But What are Some Reasons We Might Veer From These Truths?

- ▶ Prejudice and Discrimination
- ▶ Spiritual Maturity (Carnal versus Eternal)
- ▶ Closeness to God (Prayer)
- ▶ Busy
- ▶ Feel One doesn't have Enough Ability to Share
- ▶ Apathy or Too Pushy
- ▶ Cultural Expectations
- ▶ Self Centered; Fear of Failure
- ▶ Influences of Other's Perspectives on Us
- ▶ Not Going Deeper - Relationships or Conversations
- ▶ See the Mountain NOT the Mountain Mover
- ▶ Sense that One's Personality Isn't Conducive to Sharing
- ▶ Lack of Modeling, Training, Exposure, and Experience
- ▶ Lack of a Culture of Evangelism and Discipleship
- ▶ Project-Oriented versus Gospel Centered
- ▶ Failure to See We are One Beggar Giving Another Beggar Food -> God Draws and Converts, We Don't

Two Big Reasons Why People Reject Christianity*

- ▶ Religious Hypocrisy
- ▶ Gospel Inoculation

*Doug Ponder, author for “Christianity”

Can We Remember the Antidotes and Hope that We Have?

- ▶ Spiritual Life: Prayer, Reading the Word, Fellowship
- ▶ It is the Lord's Will that All Come to the Knowledge of Truth
- ▶ Sharing Jesus is an Act of Worship
- ▶ The Lord Uses the Unique Gifts and Personalities that Each of Us Have to Reach Others
- ▶ The Lord Draws and Converts; We are Called to be His Instruments in His Hands
- ▶ People Want to See that We Care, not Just Hear that We Care. People Aren't Just a Project. Our God is a God of Personal Relationships, and He Wants to Use the Relationships We Have for His Glory.

Connecting with Other Cultures

- ▶ **Be curious.** Ask where they are from People like to talk about themselves.
- ▶ **Ask about food,** specially from their region. A unifying feature of any person in any culture is love of good food. Are their local restaurants featuring this food?
- ▶ **Learn a phrase** in their language and practice it.
- ▶ **Bring up something specific** you know about their culture.
- ▶ **People want to be seen and appreciated.** People are people with their own interests, personalities, passions, and in search of their own dreams.

What are the Resources to Engage with Some People Groups Who May be Different

Are there specific tips to interacting with those who are different?

Muslims,
Hindus,
Buddhists

Poor,
Incarcerated,
Homeless

Atheists

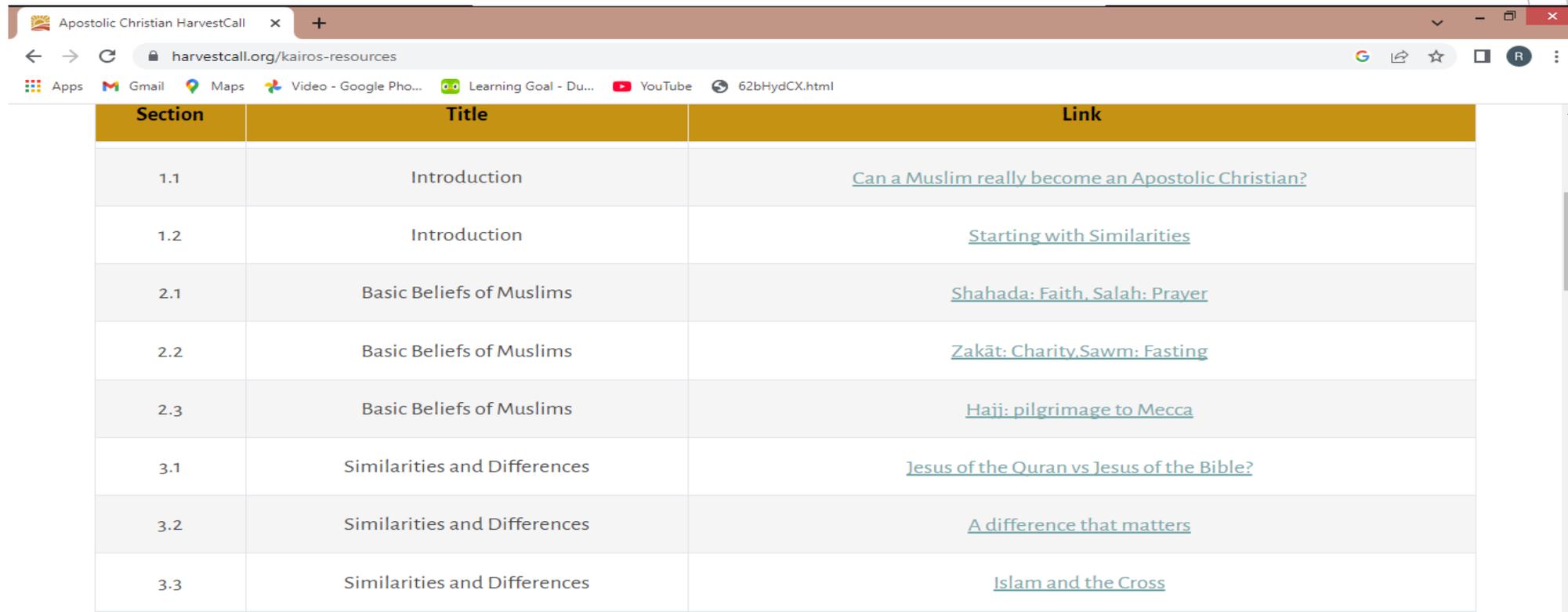
Nominal
Christians,
Cults

Challenged,
Hurting,
Disabled

LGBTQ+

KAIROS RESOURCES

Quick-Read Articles Organized by Topic
Provides Basic Understanding of Apostolic
Christian Outreach to Muslims.



Section	Title	Link
1.1	Introduction	Can a Muslim really become an Apostolic Christian?
1.2	Introduction	Starting with Similarities
2.1	Basic Beliefs of Muslims	Shahada: Faith, Salah: Prayer
2.2	Basic Beliefs of Muslims	Zakāt: Charity, Sawm: Fasting
2.3	Basic Beliefs of Muslims	Haji: pilgrimage to Mecca
3.1	Similarities and Differences	Jesus of the Quran vs Jesus of the Bible?
3.2	Similarities and Differences	A difference that matters
3.3	Similarities and Differences	Islam and the Cross

Other Kairos Article Examples

- ▶ Hinduism as Culture and the Gospel at Work Part 1 and 2
- ▶ Hospitality and Hinduism in the US
- ▶ Do's and Don'ts with South Asians
- ▶ Do's and Don'ts with Chinese
- ▶ Do's and Don'ts with Muslims

Hinduism as a Religion is a Myriad of Associated Deities and Customs... But More so a Culture or Way of Life

- ▶ Group relationships is the life force of Hindu social and spiritual culture.
- ▶ The extended family is the most highly regarded and influential aspect of Hindu culture.
- ▶ For Hindus, culture is absolute. (In the west, ideas are absolute)

Hindu's Typical Progression of Faith

- ▶ Jesus is one of the gods
- ▶ Jesus is my favorite god
- ▶ Jesus is the only God for me
- ▶ Jesus is the only God for all people

We Had the Privilege of Observing this Progression of Faith with a Friend



Other References, Links and Materials

- ▶ Kairos: “Connecting with Other Cultures”
- ▶ <https://www.elderteachingresource.org/apologetics-conference>
- ▶ AC Bookstore: “All Nations Bible study-Nurturing Cross-Cultural relationships”
- ▶ Books by Mark Yarhouse (ex. “Homosexuality and the Christian: A Guide for Parents and Pastors”)
- ▶ “A Case for Christ” Lee Strobel; “Evidence Demands a Verdict” Josh McDowell; “Misreading Scripture with Western Eyes” Richards and Obrien
- ▶ ISA: International Student Ministry Monthly Prayer guide
- ▶ IFI resource: Reaching Postmodern Europeans and Gen Z with the Good News of Jesus
- ▶ ACCFS resources: Podcasts on Supporting Those with Special Needs
- ▶ “Quick Scripture Reference for Counseling” John G. Kruis
- ▶ HarvestCall website : “The Story of God’s Love”

Engel's Scale of Evangelism

- ▶ -10 Awareness of the supernatural
- ▶ -9 No effective knowledge of Christianity
- ▶ -8 Initial Awareness of Christianity
- ▶ -7 Interest in Christianity
- ▶ -6 Awareness of basic facts of the Gospel
- ▶ -5 Grasp of implications of the Gospel
- ▶ -4 Positive attitude to the Gospel
- ▶ -3 Awareness of personal need
- ▶ -2 Challenge and decision to act
- ▶ -1 Repentance and faith
- ▶ **0 A Disciple is Born!**
- ▶ +1 Evaluation of decision
- ▶ +2 Initiation into the church
- ▶ +3 Become part of the process of making other disciples
- ▶ +4 Growth in understanding of the faith
- ▶ +5 Growth in Christian character
- ▶ +6 Discovery and use of gifts
- ▶ +7 Christian life-style
- ▶ +8 Stewardship of resources
- ▶ +9 Prayer
- ▶ +10 Openness to others/Effective sharing of faith and life