

GAP 4: ISLAM

Driving Question for Collaborative Design

How might Christians in the church, parachurch, and workplace collaborate to reach and disciple individual Muslims and their families, commending the way of peace under Christ as King?

Description

Of all world religions, between 1900 and today, Islam is the only religion to significantly grow. Between 1900–2023, Christians made up 33–34 percent of the global population, while Muslims increased from 12 percent to 25 percent, projected to rise to 29 percent by 2050. This growth is across multiple regions of the world, rendering it a global phenomenon. Islam is spread across diverse political, economic, and religious contexts – from relatively open societies to countries under Shari’a law. Due to this variance, collaboration between church, parachurch, and the workplace is needed to develop and carry out contextualized outreach and discipleship to Muslims – commending the plausibility of Christ as Lord.

Acknowledging the continual growth of Islam, this conversation prayerfully explores:

Collaboration Questions

- What context-specific discipleship and evangelism strategies have been fruitful in reaching Muslims?
- What kind of fresh discipleship and evangelism strategies are required to empower individuals and churches for effective Muslim outreach?
- How can mission/church organizations/workers partner for greater effectiveness to reach this population?
- How can organizations and missional business become more involved in reaching Muslims?

Sub-Topics

- Reaching the Muslims and Islamic influenced areas for the gospel
- Discipleship of Muslim converts
- Organizational collaboration opportunities for Islamic outreach

Preparation before Seoul 2024

Please read these sections of the State of the Great Commission Report:

- Introduction from the Theology Working Group
- Part I, on the State of the Great Commission globally, captured by text and graphics
- Part II, with the article on ‘Islam’
- Part III for your particular region in which you primarily work or serve in church or parachurch