Session 5

Fellowship (1/3 of session) Sing a song and pray together, the trainer should be leading the worship time/songs. Enjoy a common meal where everyone contributes (be led by the Spirit). Read Colossians 3:15-17 or similar passage. The house church model is the process for all training. Remember process over content.

Introduction to the first few lessons (This reminder of inevitable persecution is repeated in the fellowship third of the session). We need to remind the trainers that Allah is at work in our city and that He wants us to join Him in this work, and that His work in our city is very important.

- 1. What Allah is doing in our city is important! John 5:17.
- 2. Satan is not happy and will try to stop us from joining Allah. I Peter 5:8-9; not only will Satan make war against us, but he will make war with the people we tell about Isa, Mark 4:15.
- 3. How can we be ready for this spiritual war? Ephesians 6:10-20; James 4:7. We must know that Allah is truly Great! Romans 8:28.

Review content from session 4 (Fellowship - 1/3 of session)

- 1. Ask the trainer to find the Roman's Road or similar gospel presentation in his Ingeel.
- 2. What does a person of peace do? (Receive you, respond to the gospel, and refer you to others).

Content (1/3 of session) Introduce as a "new teaching" from the Ingeel (The Kur'an as a bridge to the Ingeel)

How do I begin a conversation with a strong Muslim about the gospel? Start with what they are familiar with.

C.A.M.E.L. Method (Chosen, announcement, miracles, eternal life) The CAMEL method uses the Qu'ran (sura al imran) to help you find the person of peace, or the person in whom God is already at work.

Below is **Surah Al-Imran 3:42-55.** Read it and write down anything you see that could be used to lift Jesus up in the mind of a Muslim *man of peace*.

Answer these questions after you read it.

What truths about Isa do you find in this passage?

Did it surprise you that the Qur'an says these things about Isa?

Could these truths help you begin to talk to your Muslim family and friends about Isa?

Sura Al Imran 3:42-55

(Translation: M. Pickthall)

- **42** And when the angels said: O Maryam! Truly Allah has chosen you, and made you pure, and preferred you above the women of creation.
- **43** O Maryam! Be obedient to your Lord, prostrate yourself and bow with those who bow.
- **44** This is of the tidings of things hidden. We reveal it unto you (Mohammed). You were not present with them when they cast lots to know which of them should be the guardian of Maryam, nor were you present with them when they quarreled.
- **45** (And remember) when the angels said: O Maryam! Truly Allah gives you glad tidings of a word from Him, whose name is the Messiah, Jesus
- **46** He will speak unto mankind in his cradle and in manhood, and he is of the righteous.
- **47** She said: My Lord! How shall I have a child when no man has touched me? He said: So it will be. Allah creates what He will. If He decrees a thing, He says unto it only: Be! and it is.
- **48** And He (Allah) will teach him the Scripture and wisdom, and the Torah (Taurat) and the Gospel (Injil).
- **49** And will make him a messenger to the children of Israel saying: Lo, I come unto you with a sign from your Lord. Lo, I fashion for you out of clay the likeness of a bird and I breathe into it, and it is a bird, by Allah's leave. I heal him who was born blind and the leper, and I raise the dead, by Allah's leave. And I announce unto you what you eat and what you store up in your houses. Surely herein is a sign for you, if you are to be believers.
- **50** And I come confirming that which was before me of the Torah (Taurat) to make lawful to you some that which was forbidden unto you, and I have come unto you with a sign from your Lord. So keep you duty to Allah and obey me.
- 51 Truly, Allah is my Lord and your Lord, so worship Him. That is the straight path.
- **52** But when Jesus (Isa) knew of their disbelief, he said: "Who will be my helpers in the cause of Allah? The disciples said: We will be Allah's helpers. We believe in Allah and

bear witness that we have surrendered unto Him (Arabic: "we are *muslims*" – meaning "those who submit").

- 53 Our Lord! We believe in that which You have revealed and we follow Him (Isa) whom You have sent; so write us down among those who witness to the truth.
- **54** And they (the disbelievers) schemed and Allah schemed against them; and Allah is the best of schemers.
- **55** And remember when Allah said: O Jesus (Isa), I am gathering you and causing you to ascend unto Me and am clearing you of those who disbelieve and I am setting those who follow you above those who disbelieve until the Day of Resurrection. Then unto Me you all will return and I shall judge between you in that which you used to differ.

List and discuss the unique characteristics of the prophet Isa.

The virgin birth; Imran 42 (Bridge verses - Luke 1:26-38)

Isa is holy, the Word, the messiah; Imran 45-47 (Bridge verse - Luke 2:11)

Isa has power over creation and life; Imran 49 (Bridge verses - Luke 8:22 – 25; 9:10 - 17)

Isa has power over disease and death; Imran 49 (Bridge verses – Luke 5: 12 – 16; 7:11 – 17; 8:40 – 56; 17:11 – 19;18:35 - 43)

Isa knows the way to heaven; Imran 55 (Luke 24:50 -53)

Note: As you train listen for the trainer's comments. Much of this will be a revelation to the trainee as he or she will know these ayats (verses) from rote memory, but often the revealed truth is both exciting and overwhelming to the trainee.

Answer and discuss with the trainee these questions regarding the verses read from the Our'an.

What truths about Jesus do you find in this passage?

Did it surprise you that the Qu'ran says these things about Jesus?

Could these truths help you begin to talk to your Muslim family and friends about Jesus?

1. How do I know if the person with whom I am sharing is responding as a person of peace? Listen to their response to the uniqueness of Isa. If they are impressed and in agreement with His uniqueness they are possibly a person of peace and you should continue. Continue with these questions: If you wanted directions to my house, who would you ask, me or someone who has never been to my house? I want to go to heaven; you want to go to heaven. Isa is in heaven and knows the way to heaven. Of all the prophets, which one is best able to help us get to heaven? Do you want to know more about the prophet Isa? If the answer is yes, your person of peace is ready for an Ingeel.

Accountability and Practice (1/3 of session)

Accountability:

- 1. Continue to memorize the gospel presentation (Roman's road: 3:23, 6:23, 5:8, 10:9) and underline that it is the gospel that is the power for salvation Romans 1:16 and 17.
- 2. Who of your family and friends do you believe is a person of peace? List the names and promise to seek a way and a time to tell them about Jesus by using the CAMEL method. Perhaps you will even get a chance to make a gospel presentation and give your testimony.
- 3. Homework: read the CAMEL training booklet in Arabic.

Practice

1. Role playing by using the illustrated possible responses to the CAMEL method found on pages 81 – 91 of the CAMEL Training method.