

## S M A L L G R O U P Q U E S T I O N S

M i l e s M c P h e r s o n  
**True Religion? Islam Part 2**  
**August 27-28, 2005**

### A N N O U N C E M E N T S

**New Leaders:** If it's time for you to step into a leadership role with small groups (Facilitator or Host), please join us on **Monday, August 29 at 7 PM** in the Altar Call/Family Room *or* Sunday, September 18 at 1:30 PM in the back of the Sanctuary. This training is required for all potential and or new leaders. Please RSVP to [carolyny@therocksandiego.org](mailto:carolyny@therocksandiego.org) or 619.226.7625 x247.

**Kairos Prison Outreach:** There is just one more month left to write your letters to the men at Donovan State Prison or bake cookies for them for the next Kairos Outreach. For more information or if you and your small group are interested in taking part, please contact [carolyny@therocksandiego.org](mailto:carolyny@therocksandiego.org).

**Men of the Rock:** Mark your calendars for **September 16-18**. You're invited to our annual retreat, "Every Great Man, Warrior, Wounded Son and Worshipper"! Don't miss this weekend to get refreshed and refueled! Register on Sunday after service or email [menoftherock@therocksandiego.org](mailto:menoftherock@therocksandiego.org).

**The Source:** Do you know someone who is in a same sex relationship? Would you like to minister to those who are coming out of this lifestyle? Is this something you have first hand experience with? Help others understand that true freedom, love, and acceptance come from Jesus Christ. For more information on how you can get involved with this ministry as a leader, prayer warrior, or attendee, contact [thesource@therocksandiego.org](mailto:thesource@therocksandiego.org) or 619.226.7625 x385. Weekly Bible study and prayer group now meeting.

**Now Hiring:** The Rock Academy is hiring two teachers for our middle school. The position offers 100% medical insurance and the pay range is \$28-30k. Interested applicants must have a B.A. and either have (or are in the process of obtaining) teaching credential. Resume and cover letters may be sent to Dr. Richard Andujo at [richarda@therockacademy.org](mailto:richarda@therockacademy.org).

**Opportunity to Lead Worship:** Luv-em-Up, the Rock's ministry for disabled adults, meets every Monday night for Bible study at Calvary Chapel Lakeside. Approximately 50-75 people attend each week and they love praising God through song. Perfect voices and skills are not required. If you can volunteer, even just once or twice a month, contact Bobby & Rosie Yates at 619.312.0174 or [ryatessd@yahoo.com](mailto:ryatessd@yahoo.com).

**Memory Verse:** *"If My people, who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.."* 2 Chronicles 7:14

**Prayer:** Please pray for next month's Men of the Rock Retreat. Pray for God's anointing over the speaker, James DeMelo. Pray that the men of our church would have a desire to attend, be open to hearing what God has for them, and they would apply it to their lives. Pray that finances will not be a hindrance for any man wanting to attend. Pray for the leadership, that they would find rest over the retreat weekend and that they would slow down and hear from God as well.

**Connect:**

1. Share some things you learned in your quiet time with God this past week. (What did you learn about the different attributes of God while studying His different names?)

**Grow:**

Islam is one of the fastest growing religions in the world. Muslims are easily identified because their beliefs are not just lived out during a weekly service, but their entire life is altered by their beliefs.

2. What are some things that we do that weaken our witness and show that our Christianity is not who we are, but often just a Sunday duty?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. If this is true, how should our lifestyle be different? (Ephesians 1:4, Ephesians 4: 1-6; 1 Peter 13:1-6) How can we intertwine our lives and our faith as one?
4. Because we know we're saved by grace, how do we as Christians 'take advantage' of that grace? (Romans 6:1)

**Live:**

5. Since Muhammed led so many people away from God, and continues to do so through his teachings, how can we bring people back to God? (Lifestyle evangelism, not justifying our sin, etc.)
6. What are some things you can be held accountable to so that you *are* holy as Christ was holy? (Do you need to change your wardrobe? Are there certain places you need to stop going to? What shows/movies do you need to stop watching?)

## Islam v. Christianity

### The Nature of God

Islam	Christianity
Only one God-Allah Monotheism = Numerical Unity (God is not personally revealed)	Only one God Monotheism = Trinity (God is personally revealed in Christ)
Creator (through allusions to Genesis)	Creator (through revelation in Genesis)
Above and far away from the creation	Above the creation, but near the creation
Allah is the righteous judge of the universe	God is the loving Father of believers (Eph 1:5) and righteous judge of all others (Rev 20:12; 21:27)

### The Nature of Man

Islam	Christianity
Creature created in need of Allah's Law	Creature created in the Image of God
Not sinful by nature	Fallen, therefore sinful by nature
Able to obey Allah's law by choice	Able to fulfill the law of Christ by Faith (Galatians 6:2)
May possess personal righteousness	May possess Christ's righteousness

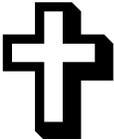
### The Nature of Authority

Islam	Christianity
The Qur'an	The Bible
Imans, Mullahs, Ayatollahs, scholars	

### The Way of Salvation

Islam	Christianity
Believe "Articles of Faith," Follow "Five Pillars"	God's Plan: <i>Peace &amp; Life</i> - John 10:10
Death in a Jihad, or Holy War	Man's Problem: <i>Separation</i> - Rom 3:23
Pilgrimage to Mecca	God's Remedy: <i>Come to The Cross</i> - Rom 5:8
Good deeds must outweigh bad on the day of judgment	Man's Response: <i>Receive Christ</i> - Rev 3:20

### Summary

Islam	Christianity
Religion	Relationship
	
Sura 101:1-11	John 3:16