

CREATING A BASIC PENTECOSTAL DISCIPLESHIP COURSE FOR MUSLIM BACKGROUND BELIEVERS

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This project produced and tested a discipleship course that will strengthen Muslim Background Believers (MBBs). The course has been prepared for use by the Center for Ministry to Muslims located in Springfield, Missouri. Prior to researching and writing the course, the search for existing discipleship courses revealed limited materials available that target MBBs. The search found no comprehensive discipleship courses for MBBs.

The course concentrated on issues of belief and practice. The research provides a firm basis for Christian belief in the areas of greatest disagreement between the two belief systems.

The implementation and testing of the course proved to be a challenge. Because of the difficulty of finding sizable groups of MBBs in any one locale who could complete the course in English, the field was insufficient to make sound conclusions. Furthermore, the experience of the participants skewed the results. Since all but one of them had been Christians for more than two years and several had been Christians for more than ten years, the learning curve was naturally small. However, the limited data did uphold the findings of the research. The data showed that the growth curve increased as the years of Christian experience decreased. The conclusions suggest further testing of the product is necessary. Based primarily on the research, the course will provide a useful tool for the Center for Ministry to Muslims