



interreligious institute

Video 3

Being Muslim in America

Discussion Guide (with Shoulder to Shoulder Campaign)

This video and some of the stories and experiences shared can be very heavy. Take a moment to breath deeply, say a prayer, and then return to this guide.

1. What feelings or reactions did you have to the speakers and stories?
2. Did any stand out for you? Why?
3. Have you heard any similar stories from Muslim friends, family or neighbors?
4. Have you heard any similar stories from other groups, immigrants, African Americans, Central or South American?
5. Our country has a history of exclusion and discrimination AND we have a history of welcome and inclusion. What in our country and your community history are lessons for you on how to respond to anti-Muslim discrimination and violence today?
6. What in your religious tradition or texts inspires you to meet, know and love your neighbor or the stranger?
7. What in your religious tradition or texts inspires you to seek justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your neighbor or the stranger? (Micah 6:8)
8. Several of the speakers share what gives them strength and hope. What gives you hope? What keeps you showing up to interfaith events?