



## A Discussion Guide for Cross-Cultural Workers

### **Pillars: How Muslim Friends Led Me Closer to Jesus**

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1. What stood out to you from Rachel's personal experiences? How were her experiences similar and different to yours?
2. How is the context you live and serve in different than you thought it would be before you came? What has helped you grow beyond what you used to know?
3. How do the five pillars play out in your cultural context?
  - What does there is no god but God look like?
  - What does Prayer look like?
  - What does Almsgiving look like?
  - What does Fasting look like?
  - What does Pilgrimage look like?
4. How did Rachel interact with each pillar? How have you interacted in your host culture with each pillar?
5. What would be the pillars of belief in your context?
6. How has God used those pillars to lead you closer to Jesus?
7. What challenges or confusion to your faith have you experienced as a Christian in your context?
8. Where did you respect and admire how Rachel handled a situation? Were there times when you would have handled a situation differently? What do you think you might have done?
9. The subtitle of the book is "How Muslim Friends Led Me Closer to Jesus." If you substituted your own context, what is your answer to "How \_\_\_\_\_ Friends Led Me Closer to Jesus?" Share a few examples of where you are closer to Jesus because of them.
10. As you consider your own context, how has it informed you spiritually? How has it been used to form your beliefs and your interactions with the Triune God? What do you feel less sure about than you did before?

