Being Muslim in America Video Discussion Guide

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

This guide is meant to connect the Ramadan Road Trip video series with faith communities and people of goodwill who are interested in building communities across difference and diversity.

- 1. What feelings or reactions did you have to the speakers and stories? Did any stand out for you? Why?
- 2. Have you heard any similar stories from Muslim friends, family or neighbors?
- 3. Have you heard any similar stories from other marginalized groups or minorities?
- 4. Have you ever felt excluded or marginalized just for being you? Have you ever been bullied, mocked, or made to feel like you don't belong? What happened? What did that feel like? What would have helped you feel supported?
- 5. Can you think about a time someone blamed you for something because of a shared identity, that you weren't personally responsible for? What did that feel like? What did you wish people knew about you in that moment?
- 6.What in your values, faith, religious tradition or sacred texts inspires you to meet, know and love your neighbor or someone who doesn't look or think like you? What does that look like or what could that look like in your life today?
- 7.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?
- 8.Several of the speakers share what gives them strength and hope. What gives you hope? What keeps you showing up to interfaith events?

Who are the one or two people in your circle of family, friends, or neighbors that you can share this video with and invite into the conversation?

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