



Mini - Doc Discussion Guide

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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 in this Mini-Doc stood out for you about Ramadan, the American Muslim community, and coming together across difference?
2. What from your religious community, texts, traditions, or teachers encourage knowing your neighbor? And why is this important to you?
3. Who are the people or leaders in your community that inspire you to build friendships with Muslims and people of other faith and/or cultural backgrounds?
4. What gives you hope?
5. What beauty have you seen or experienced in your encounters with people of different religions or cultural traditions?
6. While meeting people of other faiths, what has surprised you? What have you learned?
7. What have you learned about your own values, religious texts, or traditions as you have met people of other traditions?
8. At the Nashville iftar the community asked, "Is there a time when you were an ally or wished you had been?" Can you describe an experience? What did you learn?
9. When you think about your own community and interfaith relations, what breaks your heart? Or what is something you struggle with the most?
10. If you've been to multiple interfaith or multi-faith events, why do you keep coming back? If this is your first event, why did you come?
11. What is your dream for your community?
12. What can you and your community do to continue to step outside your bubble?
13. 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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Mini-Doc Activity Guide



1. Brainstorm as a group and list ideas of actions and events that build stronger communities across lines of difference.
2. Facilitate a small group in the "I am from..." exercise below.

I am from... Instructions

One of the exercises you see featured at the Raleigh iftar is an activity called I Am From- This poem template is adapted from and inspired by George Ella Lyon's poem, "Where I'm From." *Shoulder to Shoulder* first encountered this on the Ramadan Road Trip when organizational leaders from *Muslim Women For* led iftar guests in the following exercise at their Building Bridges Iftar.

Directions: Take 5-10 minutes to write down words or phrases that come to mind in the categories below. Then, if you choose to share, read your poem aloud by starting each categorial section with "I am from..." (Example: *I am from the coy fish pond in the backyard that my father built. I am from chicken curry and beef cutlets...*)

Sights, sounds and smells from your home or neighborhood growing up

- I am from...

Foods, especially those associated with family gatherings or special occasions

- I am from...

Sayings heard repeatedly as you were growing up

- I am from...

People: family members, friends, ancestors, important people from your past

- I am from...

Experiences that have challenged or shaped your identity

- I am from...

Moments from history that have informed your life and work

- I am from...

Faith, traditions, values that speak to the issues you care about

- I am from...

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