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*Knowing  
yourself is  
knowing the  
Creator.*

*—paraphrase  
of a quote by  
Yunus Emre*

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## LISTEN AND DISCUSS

### Excerpt 1: Muslim in America

Listen together to *Excerpt 1: Muslim in America*. Discuss:

- Ms. Jarrah talks about when she realized she was Muslim.
  - When did you realize your identity included a specific faith tradition—or no faith tradition?
  - Was this realization related to learning about other traditions?
- Ms. Jarrah shares that reading the Qur'an as a student (as opposed to a worshipper) was new and different.
  - Have you read the sacred texts of your tradition as a student? How was it different than as a worshipper?
  - What impact, if any, did approaching the texts as a student shape your faith?
  - What are the limitations inherent in your understanding of a sacred text from another tradition?
  - How might you overcome those limitations?
- Ms. Jarrah talks about how being a Muslim in the United States is a gift because it requires her to know her own tradition more deeply and she has the opportunity to teach others about Islam.
  - How is explaining her practices also a burden?
  - What burden does the dominant faith, Christianity, bear in a pluralistic society?
  - What does your faith community do to address this burden? What might it do?
- Given Ms. Jarrah's statement, what are the challenges of being a Christian in the United States?
  - What might you do to overcome those challenges?



End by reading Psalm 133 (NRSV) together.

How very good and pleasant it is  
when kindred live together in unity!  
It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron,  
running down over the collar of his robes.  
It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion.  
For there the Lord ordained his blessing,  
life forevermore.

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#### MODULE 2: Living Islam

#### SESSION 1: Living Islam

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