



The uniqueness of the Prophet's message

LESSON PLAN 2 PRESENTATION



Recap and connect

Why is Prophethood even necessary?

- To be guided and build a relationship with our Creator
- To understand how to satisfy our different needs (e.g., physiological, psychological, and ethical needs) in a way that is pleasing to our Creator
- To help answer three existential questions:
 - 1 Why are we here?
 - 2 What is the purpose of this life?
 - 3 What happens to us after we leave this life?



Recap and connect

Lesson 1

- We are in need of guidance and a relationship with our Creator.
- This (e.g., guidance) was given to us through prophethood and helps us understand why prophethood is necessary.

Lesson 2

- We will consider the **value** of what the Prophet ﷺ preached.
- We will see the **consistency** and **harmony** of the Prophet's ﷺ message and learn how he brought together different aspects and spheres of life.



What is a **big message** and how is it unique?

In our day to day lives, we are **bombarded** with messages through our phones, TV shows, and even while driving.

- 1 What are some “big messages” these “micro-messages” are sending us?
- 2 How do we know when a message is unique?
- 3 How do we evaluate a message?



Points to ponder

evaluating a message

Quality

- Internal consistency & harmony
- Integrating different aspects of life with overarching principles to govern these aspects
- Timeless principles that are as meaningful now as when they were brought forth
- Well-being for humans & the environment
- Addressing/satisfying basic needs of individuals
- Balancing individual & collective interests

Scope

- What came **before** life?
- What is the **point** of this life?
- What happens **after** life?
- The relationship between me and my Creator
- The relationship between myself and others, such as family, friends, strangers, animals, inanimate objects, etc.
(interpersonal)
- The relationship with myself
(intra-personal)



The message

healthy eating

science &
medicine

penal code

prayer

personal
hygiene

monotheism

forbidding
interest/usury

fasting

predestination

forbidding
fornication



Activity

expert groups

- 1 Pair up
- 2 You have 12-15 minutes to read and discuss your topic
- 3 Use the questions provided as a guide
- 4 Be prepared to share insights



Twitter talk

ten components of the message

- 1 Briefly summarize your topic and share what you learned
- 2 Jot down notes on your worksheet as your classmates share their reflections

- Monotheism
- Predestination (*qadr*)
- Prayer
- Fasting
- Healthy eating
- Forbidding fornication
- Forbidding interest/usury
- Penal code
- Personal hygiene
- Science and medicine



Reflect and respond

Taking a look at the ten components from this lesson, **what can be said about the vast breadth of the Prophet's message?**

Revisit handout 2.2.1.

When examining the inherent value of the Prophet's message and the breadth of its scope, **how do these components collectively support Muhammad's ﷺ claim to Prophethood?**

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