



# The continued relevance of the Prophet's message

LESSON PLAN 3 PRESENTATION

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# Recap and connect

## ten cardinal aspects of the Prophet's message

Monotheism

Predestination

Prayer

Fasting

Healthy eating

Forbidding fornication

Forbidding interest/usury

Penal code

Personal hygiene

Science and medicine

**Do you think any of these components are  
relevant to you today?**



# Recap and connect

## Lesson 2

- The Prophet's message is comprehensive; it provides principles for all aspects of life.
- The message answers large, existential questions.

## Lesson 3

- We will determine how the Prophet's ﷺ message is still **relevant**.
- We will appreciate his **timeless guidance** and instruction.



# Did you know?

There is **one thing** you can do that will make you just as happy as eating **2,000 chocolate bars**

...don't like chocolate?

Doing this **one thing** also gives you the same neurological boost as receiving **\$25,000**

What do you think this **one thing** could be?

# Making connections

تَبَسُّمُكَ فِي وَجْهِ أَخِيكَ لَكَ صَدَقَةٌ

The Prophet ﷺ said: “Your smiling in the face of your brother is charity.”  
[Tirmidhi]

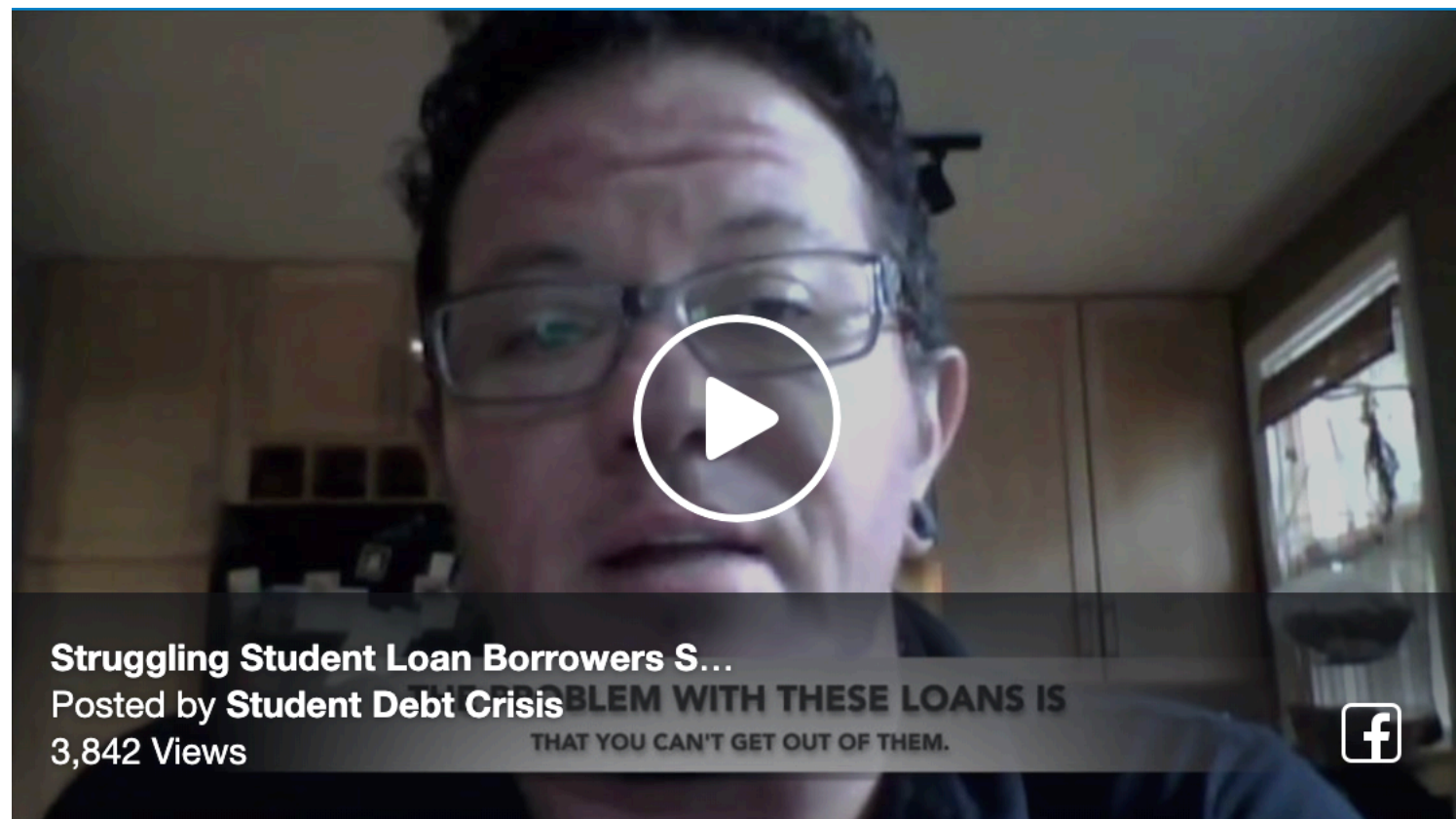
كُلُّ مَعْرُوفٍ صَدَقَةٌ وَإِنْ مِنَ الْمَعْرُوفِ أَنْ تَلْقَى أَخَاكَ بِوَجْهِ طَلِقٍ وَأَنْ تُفْرِغَ مِنْ  
" دَلُوكَ فِي إِنْاءِ أَخِيكَ "

The Prophet ﷺ said: “Every good is charity. Indeed, among the good is  
to meet your brother with a smiling face.” [Tirmidhi]

مَا رَأَيْتُ أَحَدًا أَكْثَرَ تَبَسُّمًا مِنْ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

“I have not seen anyone smile more than the Messenger of Allah  
ﷺ.” [Tirmidhi]

# student debt crisis



لَعَنَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ أَكِلَ الرَّبَا وَمُوكِلَهُ وَكَاتِبَهُ وَشَاهِدَيْهِ وَقَالَ هُمْ سَوَاءٌ

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ cursed the consumer of interest, its payer, its documenter, its two witnesses, and said, “They are all equal [in sin].” [Muslim]

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَذَرُوا مَا بَقِيَ مِنَ الرِّبَا إِن كُنْتُمْ مُّؤْمِنِينَ \* فَإِن لَّمْ تَفْعَلُوا فَأْذَنُوا بِحَرْبٍ مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ ﷺ وَإِن تُبْتُمْ فَلَكُمْ رُءُوسُ أَمْوَالِكُمْ لَا تَظْلِمُونَ وَلَا تُظْلَمُونَ

O you who believed. Fear Allah, and give up what remains (due to you) of interest, if you should be believers. And if you do not, then be informed of war (against you) from Allah and His messenger. But if you repent, you may have your principal (without interest) - (thus) you do not wrong, nor are you wronged. [2:278-9]



# Societal impact

## consequences



### Less Financial Freedom

Inability to save for retirement or buy a home or car



### Fewer Career Opportunities

Less likely to start a business or run for office



### Stressful Personal Life

High stress, delaying marriage and having kids





# Activity I

## connections

- 1 Form groups of 3-4 students. Your group will need to:
  - Choose a topic
  - Grab devices with internet access (e.g., smartphones, laptops, tablets)
  - Grab copies of worksheets 2.2.1 and 2.2.2
- 2 Conduct a deep exploration of the societal conditions pertaining to your topic, as we did with the topic of interest and the student debt crisis.
- 3 Study the prophetic message on that topic (2.2.2) and respond to the final reflection questions after discussing them with your group.
- 4 Create a poster for the gallery walk.



# Activity II

## gallery walk response

As you walk around and review the work of your peers, respond to the following question on your sticky note. Place it on the poster you're reviewing before you move on.

**How does the Prophet's message on this topic help you to appreciate the function and relevance of his message to your personal life and to society at large?**



## Recap

The **timeless guidance** from the Prophet's message and the **relevance** it continues to bear today on an individual and societal level are yet another proof of Muhammad's ﷺ prophethood.