

**ISLAM: EMPIRE OF FAITH (VIDEO DOCUMENTARY)
PART I: THE MESSENGER**

View: "Islam, Empire of Faith" (PBS) – Part I: The Messenger

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- (1) What were the social, cultural and religious conditions in pre-Islamic Arabia?
- (2) What were the principal events in the life of Prophet Muhammad?
- (3) What was the Revelation which Prophet Muhammad received?
- (4) How did Prophet Muhammad's contemporaries react to this Revelation? Who were very enthusiastic and who were very opposed to this Revelation? Why?
- (5) Why does Professor John Renard (in the documentary) say that Prophet Muhammad was very concern about social justice for the marginalized in pre-Islamic Arabia?
- (6) What parallels can you draw in the preaching and ministry of Prophet Muhammad and Jesus of Nazareth?
- (7) Identify the roles which Prophet Muhammad played in his life, and their social, political and religious implications.