

## Unit 2: Introduction

Suggested duration: 3-4 days

**ALL READING IS FROM TAFSIR IBN KATHIR ENGLISH TRANSLATION**

### Session 1:

Reading:

Introduction, pages 25-31

Assignment:

Answer the following questions:

1. To whom was Prophet Muhammad (salla Allahu alayhi wa sallam) sent to?
2. Who are the "People of the Scriptures" and why did Allah criticize them?
3. What must we do with the Book of Allah?
4. What do our hearts become hard from?
5. What is "the Sunnah"?
6. What are the top three sources that explain the Quraan?
7. From the reading, name two companions, outside of the four rightly guided Khalifahs, who were great scholars.

Optional:

Read the biographies of the scholars mentioned in question 7.

### Session 2:

Reading: Introduction, pages 32-35

(Sections: Tafsir of Tabi'in, Tafsir by mere opinion, Explaining what One has Knowledge of....)

Assignment:

Answer the following questions:

1. What should the Israelite accounts and stories be used for?
2. List the three types of Israelite accounts.
3. What are the Tabi'in and when should we look to their tafsir?
4. It is said that if the Tafsir reaches you from Mujahid, it is sufficient. Why?
5. Why does it seem sometimes that Tabi'in scholars' tafsir statements conflict? Do their statements really oppose each other?
6. What form of tafsir is prohibited?
7. We are required to:

\_\_\_\_\_ from indulging in what one has no knowledge of and to  
\_\_\_\_\_ the knowledge that we have when asked.

### Session 3:

Reading:

Introduction, pages 35-39

(Sections "The Makkan and Madinan Surahs" to the end of Introduction)

Assignment:

Answer the following questions:

1. About how many ayaat are there in the Quraan?
2. How many Juzu are there?
3. How did the Companions used to divide the Quraan?
4. What is the plural of Surah? Name them all.
5. What is an ayah defined as? What are the plurals for ayah?
6. What does Kalimah mean?
7. Which ayah has only one word?
8. Does the Quraan contain non Arabic words? Explain.