

# Probing the Depth of Seera

## Summary

*"... And Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah"* is an obligatory statement Muslims must utter to embrace Islam. Although Al-Quran, the Book of Allah, has the final guidance to humanity, Allah (SWT) did not send us the Book by itself. Allah sent it with a messenger, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). The Prophet recited the Book to people, but more importantly was an embodiment to the guidance it came with. As Muslims, two major responsibilities towards Prophet Muhammad arise: 1) obeying the Messenger in what he asks us to do, *"He who obeys the Messenger, have obeyed Allah ..."*, and 2) taking him as our role model, *"Indeed, there has been a good model in the Messenger of Allah, for those who seek Allah and the Last Day ..."*

Throughout this program, we will live through the Seera of the Prophet (PBUH). We will not narrate the story; we will live it. We will zoom out and think about the world when and where he (pbuh) lived. We will zoom in until it is so personal to him and people around him. We will put ourselves in his shoes and in the shoes of people he interacted with. We will draw life lessons from the amazing experience he had that looks very similar to ours. We will stress, grieve, and beg Allah on his behalf, and experience Allah's help and support as it comes.

As we live through the story, we will experience the tireless effort he and his companions did to deliver the Message of Islam and to accomplish the mission Allah tasked *them* with. We will come across major players who supported him and served his message in awesome ways, many of which we do not even know. We will see ourselves holding similar responsibilities now as they were then. We will see first hand how much sincere, consistent, and organized effort can change, not only small circles but the whole world. It is basically a story of a single man equipped with the guidance of Allah and a community of believing men and women around him, a community we are aiming to develop through the "Project 100" program!

## Session Objectives

In this series of session, we will

- Go Deep: Probe the life of the Prophet (pbuh) and dive deeper beyond the story. We will develop a methodology to better interact with it, learn from it, and bring its guidance to our very life.
- Go Active: Learn how to be effective in living Islam as a faith and live for it as a message.
- Go Affectionate: Increase the love to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and his companions.
- Go Personal: Live the very same life the Prophet lived, face his challenges, and bring experience forward.