## Muslim Jats in Pakistan



Jat people have a history of being warriors. Their lifestyle was designed to foster a martial spirit. Whenever they lost their kingdoms, Jat people retired to the countryside and became landowners and the landlords with their swords girded round their waists. They would draw the sword out of the scabbard at the command of their panchayat (village leader) to fight off any invader.

## **Ministry Obstacles**

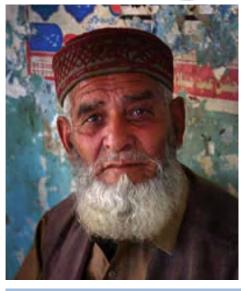
Muslim Jats are fiercely independent and highly value their self-respect. Although these qualities are highly admired in most societies, they do not rate highly in God's eyes. Jesus came to be a humble servant to others. He taught his followers to esteem others more highly than themselves and to turn the other cheek – all of which flies in the face of human pride.

## Outreach Ideas

Someone with the right skills could interview Muslim Jats as a historian as a way of having social contact with these fascinating people.

## **Prayer Focus**

Pray for the Muslim Jats of Pakistan to encounter our suffering servant Jesus



POPULATION: 32,942,000 LANGUAGE: Western Punjabi RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: New Testament STATUS: Unreached

and invite him to change their hearts. Pray for sensitive, trained evangelists to reach out to Jat communities to help them to begin a Disciple Making Movement. Pray for the Muslim Jats in Pakistan to understand the impact Christ's death and resurrection has on all peoples today.

**SCRIPTURE** I long, yes, I faint with longing to enter the courts of the Lord. With my whole being, body and soul, I will shout joyfully to the living God. Ps 84:2

**PRAY** that the Lord will raise up many from this people group who have this kind of heart for being in the presence of the loving Lord.

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