## **Shaikh in Nepal**



In Nepal, Shaikh are most likely to live in the southern and eastern regions. Though there are often love marriages in urban areas, family-oriented arranged marriages are most common among the Shaikh in Nepal. It starts with a matchmaker who approaches both families to make sure the couple is compatible. An unemployed man is acceptable as a groom. Family elders take care of the formalities for the engagement. A Shaikh wedding ceremony can take up to three days.

## **Ministry Obstacles**

Shaikhs seek help from pirs, Muslim saints they believe carry special powers even after they die. They also commonly embrace Sufism. This is a mystical and emotional Islamic practice which seeks to reach a state of spiritual purity.

## **Outreach Ideas**

Christ's ambassadors can point out that those who pray to Jesus Christ will always be heard, and he will always give an answer. Some Sufis are seeking an emotional connection with the one true God, which they can find through the Lord of lords.



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POPULATION: 948,000

LANGUAGE: Urdu RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

## **Focus**

Pray for the Holy Spirit to move in Shaikh families, giving them spiritual hunger. Pray for loving and dedicated workers to go to them in Nepal, showing the way to the cross. Pray that movement to Christ among Shaikh in Nepal will extend to Shaikh in other countries.

SCRIPTURE In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Gen 1:1

**PRAY** that this people group will be in awe of the Lord for His creation and realize that He is the only one worthy of worship and devotion.