

Core Curriculum

7 The Legacy of the Prophet Muhammad (s) and his Ahl al-Bayt (as)

7.13 **A Brief Biography of Imam Ali ibn Abi Talib (as)**

Word: Imam

Meaning: Divinely appointed leader to guide humankind

Word: Ghadeer

Meaning: Where Imam Ali (as) was declared the successor of the Prophet

Word: Fatimah al-Zahrah

Meaning: Wife of Imam Ali (as) and daughter of the Prophet Muhammad (s)

Word: Qutb

Meaning: Literally “pole,” it refers to a perfect human being who is the cosmic and universal leader of all of God’s saints and the mediator between the divine and human realms.

Word: Abū Tālib

Meaning: Imam Ali’s father