Women's Bible Study Israeli-Palestinian Conflict Session 3

## **Review Bible Stories**

## **Review Current situation (map)**

## **Introduce the video:**

National Geographic Journalist Aziz Abu Sarah Palestinian Israeli citizen Trying to tell the story and hear both sides This is before the current war

## **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. What are your first impressions of the video?
- 2. Have you ever protested anything? If so, what and why?
- 3. Why do we build walls? (literally and figuratively) What doe the walls between Isarel and the West Bank represent?
- 4. Do we know what it is like to live in fear? Can we relate to Israelis? Can we relate to Palestinians?
- 5. Israeli settler: "We didn't take anyone's land, it was just empty hill."
  - a. Is this true? Why do you think this man believes what he is saying?
- 6. Palestinian: "We go without water and electricity while they build new settlements"
  - a. Is this fair? What does control of basic utilities mean for Israel and Palestine?
- 7. Israeli woman: "They smashed my window for no reason, it is so annoying. Why do we have to live our lives scared all the time?"
  - a. What is more annoying, a smashed window or someone takin g your land?
  - b. Does this woman have to live scared all the time? Why do you think she lives there anyway?
- 8. Israeli man: "We are both native people who have to live together."
  - a. Is this is true statement?

- 9. Palestinian man: "This is our land. This is where my parents, grandparents, great-grandparents...This is where they were born, where they lived."
  - a. Would you leave your land voluntarily if you were this man or would you stay even if staying meant fighting or being a second class citizen?
- 10. Israeli woman: "I am here because this is our promised land."
  - a. That is the question...
- 11. Where is God in all of this? What side is God on in this conflict? Why?
- 12. What is our role in this conflict as neither Jews nor Arabs, Israelis or Palestinians? Should we take sides? Why or why not?

**Close with the Lord's Prayer**