

Women's Bible Study
Israeli-Palestinian Conflict
Session 6

Review Bible Stories--

Review Current situation (map)

Any Question or Reflections?

Introduce the video:

National Geographic Journalist Aziz Abu Sarah Palestinian Israeli citizen.
In the video today the journalist tries to find ways forward with common ground
Please listen for phrases that catch your attention in the video.

Video Four: A Space to Talk: Common Ground

1. Israeli's are scared-live in fear all the time: "We accept a certain amount of fear living in this country"
 - a. How do we act when we are scared?
 - b. Do we make good decisions when we are scared?
2. Palestinians oppressed-angry, frustrated (Cannot be passive in the midst of oppression)
 - a. What do we do when we are angry and frustrated?
 - b. Do we make good decisions?
3. What is the face of the conflict? (violence is all we see)
4. "Not allowed water or electricity on my own land"
 - a. How would this make you feel?
5. "It is the dream of people to live independent with dignity and freedom"
 - a. IS this true?
 - b. Do we take this for granted?
 - c. What if someone tried to take your dignity, freedom or independence?
6. What do both the Israeli and the Palestinian Fathers want for their children?
 - a. Does this give us and them hope?
7. "People are people"
 - a. What do people want? (peace, hope, security...)
 - b. To live side by side in peace
8. "Cannot overcome hatred with hatred, evil with evil"
 - a. Why then do we try? (maybe we cannot overcome evil with conversation?)

9. Israeli's live in fear of Palestinian "terrorist" attacks. Palestinians act out against Israeli oppression and occupation.
 - a. It is an endless cycle. More oppression=more "terror" attacks.
 - b. More terror attacks =more oppression.
 - c. What other options do they have?
 - d. Israeli's want to stop violence against Israel so they oppress the people.
 - e. Palestinians want to disrupt the lives of Israeli's so they use terror tactics

10. "You must act out to make a difference"
 - a. Is this true for those that are oppressed?
 - b. Do we have protest in our own country?
 - i. What do we protest and why and how?

11. What did you think of the soccer game? What was the point?
 - a. Not just to be seen as enemies, but to potentially live together.

12. Where is there any common ground in this conflict?

13. How has your understanding of this conflict grown through these videos?

14. Any closing thoughts or questions?