Women's Bible Study Israeli-Palestinian Conflict Session 5

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 we hear from Palestinians and their views and opinions about the Israelis Please listen for phrases that catch your attention in the video.

Video Three: Palestinians point of view:

- 1. What are the Palestinians protesting?
 - a. Settlements (occupation)-In this case, also access to a spring.
 - b. Read UN ruling on settlements (read sheet)
 - i. What authority does the UN have over Isarel and the settlements?
 - ii. What does it say to you that the UN condemns the settlements?
 - iii. UN Resolution 2334 also calls on Palestinians to stop the violence and terrorism.
 - iv. What role does the US play in the settlements and is this justifiable?
- 2. What do the rocks say according to the protesters?
 - a. We oppose this occupation! They do not consider the weapons-Stones vs. tear gas and rubber bullets.
 - b. What do they believe Israel wants? Is this true? Is this OK?
 - c. They believe that if they let Israel do what they want and they do not protest they will be overrun and lose all hope. So they protest.
 - d. Really the front line of the conflict is kids on both sides: throwing rocks and shooting tear gas. Do kids make good decisions? Are they the decision makers at all? Are the sowing a future of hope and peace?
- 3. Rockets and airstrikes
 - a. Are they humane? Why do they do this?
 - b. Today, Hamas launches rocket indiscriminately into Israel not caring what targets they hit. Israel hits targets with precision but in the process kills innocent Palestinians. Do two wrongs make a right?
- 4. What did you think about the story of the young man visiting his home after an Israeli attack destroyed his home?
 - a. What did he do to deserve this?

- b. This was before the current war. How do Gazans live in fear today?
- 5. "If people only see each other through these experiences, they can only see each other as enemies"
 - a. How is this true? How does this perpetuate the problem?
 - b. Palestinians and Jews do not interact. How can we change this?
- 6. Now that we have watched the two different viewpoints:
 - a. What would you do if you were the Palestinians?
 - b. What would you do if you were the Israeli's?
 - c. Who should the US support? Why?