



Name: Areej Masoud

Title: Any hope for Palestine, now or ever?

Discussion Guide

This resource is designed to help your small group or college class discussion. It's shaped to inspire you to consider new ways to understand the issues discussed in this video. You don't need to answer all the questions. Please allow time for discussion and response.

Materials

1. Person Interviewed: Areej Masoud
2. Theme of Video: Any hope for Palestine, now or ever?

Preliminary discussion

Consider the questions suggested below to start the conversation for your small group or college class. They'll consolidate the content of the video, after you've viewed it.

1. What were the major themes in this video?
2. How do those themes relate to your life and context?
3. Discuss the difficulties of the content. What was difficult to understand? Was there anything you would like to clarify with the group?
4. Theological method: How is the interviewee's theology and outlook informed and shaped by their practical ministry and context? What approaches do they take in understanding God in the context of their daily life and ministry?

Explore and apply

Explore the major themes raised in the video. Critically engage with the theology. Consider the questions that respond to the issues raised in your preliminary discussion. Apply the answers to these questions in your own setting. Ensure the discussion is specifically drawing on your local setting. Make sure the discussion is relevant to the lives of faith for your small group or college class. Encourage relevant and thoughtful examples from each participant.

1. What was Areej Masoud's journey to faith, and into her current ministry with BBC and other groups?
2. Areej did her dissertation on the Kairos document. What is that document and how did it come about? See: <https://www.kairospalestine.ps/index.php/about-kairos/kairos-palestine-document>
3. What's the reality on the ground for Palestinians?
4. What does God's justice have to say to this situation?
5. How do Palestinian Christians receive and interpret the Word of God?
6. What does it mean to say Palestinian land has a universal mission?
7. Where are the signs of hope in Palestine?
8. What is the mission of the church, and how does this apply to Palestine-Israel and the Palestinian church?
9. How should love shape our responses to all this?
10. How does resistance relate to justice and to love?
11. What are Palestinian Christians saying to the churches of the world today?
12. What are they saying to the international community?
13. How do Christian, Jewish and Muslim leaders stand together for justice and peace?
14. What messages do Palestinian Christians have for both the Palestinian people and also for the Israelis?
15. What does all this discussion mean for you and for your faith, justice, and discipleship?
16. What is the Christ at the Checkpoint conference? How can Christians get involved in the conference, and also in supporting the work of Bethlehem Bible College? <https://christatthecheckpoint.bethbc.edu/>

Informing Community

Facilitate the space for your group to respond to the discussion. You might consider this section as a personal time of written journal responses to the following questions.

1. What is God encouraging our group and me, to do?
2. In response to the issues raised in the video, what are areas I want to ask God for forgiveness in? How do I need to change? What does God want me to stand up for?
3. How do I need God to minister to me and my community, for us to better engage with the contextual issues of our community?
4. How can I gain a better understanding of the issues discussed in this video? What do we ask that God would do in our hearts?

Prayer

Spend time in prayer over what you've learnt.

Invite the ministry of the Holy Spirit to clarify, heal, and inspire change for your participants and communities.

Links

Website: www.theglobalchurchproject.com

Books:

Graham Hill and Grace Ji-Sun Kim. *Healing Our Broken Humanity: Practices for Revitalizing the Church and Renewing the World* (IVP, 2018).

Graham Hill, *GlobalChurch: Reshaping Our Conversations, Renewing Our Mission, Revitalizing Our Churches* (IVP Academic, 2016).

Graham Hill, *Salt, Light, and a City (Second Edition): Ecclesiology for the Global Missional Community: Volume 1, Western Voices* (Cascade, 2017).