

## THE GARDEN

### *Salt of the Earth: Palestinian Christians in the Northern West Bank: A Study Guide*

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**Summary:** This session examines refuge. We'll talk about what we try to escape from and how we can seek refuge in the Lord. We'll meet a school secretary named Sawsan and her family who face fearful and uncertain times.

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**3** *Prayer and introduction*

*min*

Sample Prayer

*Loving God, let us hear your word in all we do. Open our minds and hearts to your work in the world. Teach us how not to be afraid. Let us find our refuge in you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.*

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**3** *Scripture*

*min*

Psalm 46  
Mark 14:32-43

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**10** *Questions*

*min*

*In the scriptures, what do people want refuge from?  
In our lives, what do we want refuge from?*

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**20** *Film*

*min*

"The Garden" segment.

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**20** *Questions*

*min*

*We try to escape from many things. Does taking refuge in the Lord protect us from them? How?  
In light of the scripture, the film, and your experiences, how can people of faith seek refuge faithfully?  
How can you do so in your daily life?*

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**4** *Closing and prayer*

*min*

Sample prayer

*Gracious and loving God, we pray for Sawsan and her family and their community. We pray for all of your children in the Middle East and in the world. Keep us all in the palm of your loving hand. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.*

## Daily Walk

An invitation to daily prayer and witness

### Daily Prayer:

*Frame your daily walk with this series in prayer—feel free to use your own prayer or the one provided:*

Holy God, let us always put our trust in you, our refuge and strength. Send your loving spirit to those in this broken world who know no safe place. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

### Daily Action:

Available online: <http://www.saltfilms.net/guides/garden-student.pdf>

Day 1) *Read Scripture*: Deuteronomy 19:1-10.

Day 2) *Hear from a Holy Land Christian*: "The Sacred Place, the Sacred Time, and the Sacred Human Being" by Fr. Raed Abusahlia.

<http://www.lpj.org/Nonviolence/Raed/eng-article/Sanctuary.htm>

Day 3) *Learn more*: "The Truth Behind Formal Statistics," from the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions.

<http://www.icahd.org/eng/articles.asp?menu=6&submenu=2&article=198>

Day 4) *Be inspired*: Courage to Refuse.

<http://www.couragetorefuse.org/english/faq.asp>

Day 5) *Share*: Take time to tell someone new about how you've been moved this week by this Study Series. Invite him/her to pray with you.

Day 6) *Act*: Help families keep their homes; support the Rebuilding Alliance.

<http://www.rebuildingalliance.org/who.php>