

THE WAY

Salt of the Earth: Palestinian Christians in the Northern West Bank

Study Guide

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Summary: This session looks at perseverance, in faith and in life's challenges. We'll meet Sylvia, a college student who talks about being a minority as a Christian, and who faces great obstacles as she pursues her education.

3 **Prayer and introduction**
min

Sample Prayer

Merciful Lord, let us set aside every hindrance and sin that weighs us down and distances us from you. Give us strength and endurance to hear your word and do your will. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

1 **Scripture**
min Hebrews 12:1-12:3

15 **Questions**

min 1) Share times in your life when you've felt disheartened, alone in your faith, or a minority in your community.

2) Share times in your life when you've persevered. What enabled you to do so?

20 **Film**
min "The Way" segment.

15 **Questions**

min How does Sylvia feel disheartened, alone, or a minority?

What enables her to persevere?

What can we learn from her and her communities?

4 **Closing and prayer**
min

Sample prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for Sylvia and the other Christians in Tubas.

We pray for Christians who live as a minority in their own land. We pray for Christians who feel alone and disheartened in their faith.

We pray for their comfort and perseverance.

We pray for their neighbors and their enemies.

In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen.

<h2>Daily Walk</h2> <p>An invitation to daily prayer and witness</p>	
<p>Daily Prayer: <i>Frame your daily walk with this series in prayer—feel free to use your own prayer or the one provided:</i></p> <p>Merciful Lord, as we seek to follow your way, we pray that your glory would be revealed, and that all those created in your image would live in dignity and respect. Make us agents of your grace and witnesses to your glory. In Christ's name I pray. Amen.</p>	<p>Daily Action: Available online: http://www.saltfilms.net/guides/way-student.pdf</p> <p>Day 1) <i>Read Scripture:</i> Isaiah 40:3-5.</p> <p>Day 2) <i>Hear from a Holy Land Christian:</i> “What would you do if you were in my shoes,” by Lutheran minister Mitri Raheb. http://www.annadwa.org/news&reports/e-newsletter/letter5.htm</p> <p>Day 3) <i>Learn more:</i> B'Tselem's summary about freedom of movement http://www.btselem.org/English/Freedom_of_Movement/</p> <p>Day 4) <i>Be inspired:</i> “Soldiers' Views from Huwwara Checkpoint,” for Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Israel and Palestine. http://www.eappi.org/eappi.nsf/index/rep-lg-05021106.html</p> <p>Day 5) <i>Share:</i> 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.</p> <p>Day 6) <i>Act:</i> Support Machsom (Checkpoint) Watch, Israeli women working for human rights at checkpoints. http://www.machsomwatch.org/</p>