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Israel-Hamas War and the Church Psalm 121:4 Pastor Ed Taylor

Here are some talking points to start using to get your group talking to each other and to start generating meaningful conversations. Remember, you want others to do most of the talking.

Start Talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking. Which part of the message was most impactful to you and why?

Start Sharing & Talking About the Message. NOTE: Pastor Ed may not cover all points in all services.

Open: Recent events have given us concrete reasons to pray for the peace of Jerusalem (**Psalm 122:6**).

Antisemitism is on the rise. The hatred of Israel and the Jews is demonic. **Genesis 3:14-15** Throughout history, Satan has tried unsuccessfully to wipeout the Jews to keep Jesus the Messiah from coming. But He came, is risen and will come again. Biblical history is upon us.

1. As we see what is happening today in Israel and the Middle East today, and the fulfillment of biblical prophecy, what should guide and inform our worldview? **A.** The bible is our authority. We view world events through the lens of scripture. If we know the word, we won't be led astray by ideas that contradict what God has said.
 2. Israel is not occupying the land, it was given to them by God. **Genesis 12, 13, 15.**
 3. As a church, our support for Israel is biblical, not political. **Gen 12:3; Zechariah 2:8; Psalm 122:6-7**
 4. It is important to understand that feelings of being unsettled due to the events in Israel are normal. Those feelings may include, grief, depression, anger, and frustration that could lead to sleeplessness.
 5. Where can we turn for peace and comfort? **A.** The Lord. **Phil 4:6-7**
 6. **Ezekiel 38** There will be peace and prosperity in Israel when they are attacked from the North. But God will not forsake Israel. **Psalm 121:4**
 7. Why does God want us to know prophecy? **A.** 1. So He will be worshipped and glorified when it comes to pass; 2. We will have our faith strengthened; 3. We will be prepared to respond in a godly, biblical way as things predicted come to pass.
 8. We can have confidence because God is on the throne. **Matt 24:1-31 and 2Peter 3:10-13**
 9. What kind of people should be at this pivotal time in history? **A.** 1. Prayerful & faithful; 2. Dependent & helpful. **Col 3:16 Quote:** Trust an unknown future to a well known God. **Jer 29:11**
- Close: Whatever the future holds, we can be confident in the one who holds the future.**

Start Praying & Start Doing. Check Prayer Requests, & pray.

Talk to your group about (1) creating profiles on the Calvary App so your group can create a group chat on the app. Let Pastor Josh know so he can set your group up for you. (2) Encourage your group to read ahead. (3) Please remember to fill out the LIFEgroup meeting assessment form after your meeting. Here is the link: <https://bit.ly/LIFEgroup-Assessment>

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