This Land Is My Land!

(Facts About the Land of Israel)

Regardless of public opinion or which narrative is stated the most or the loudest, we must allow God's Word to serve as our authority. With this approach we can discover the facts and discern the falsehoods regarding the land of Israel.

- The Land is God's Land (Ps 24:1; Lev 25:23; Deut 11:12)
- The Land was given to Abraham & his descendants (Gen 12:7; 13:14; 15:18)
- The Land was given by an <u>unconditional</u> covenant (Gen.17:7-8; Ps 89:30-37)
- The Land was not given to the descendants of Ishmael, but to <u>Isaac</u> (Gen 17:18-19)
- The Land was not given to the descendants of Esau, but to <u>Jacob</u> (Gen. 28:1-4; 12-14; 35:10-12; Deut 1:8)
- The Land rights were not lost by Israel's <u>captivity</u> (Deut 30:3-5)
- The Land has been subject to false claims
 - ** A historically Muslim land?
 - ** Held selfishly by the Jews?
 - ** A setting for apartheid?

Lessons for Life Today:

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Small Group/Family Discussion Guide

<u>Icebreaker</u>: Share about a piece of land you have owned or hope to own someday.

- 1. What are some reasons there is so much fuss about the little strip of land called Israel or Palestine?
- 2. Why did God give the land by means of an <u>unconditional covenant</u>? What does that tell us about the character of God and our relationship with Him?
- 3. What is meant by two re-gatherings of the Jews into the land one in unbelief and one in belief?
- 4. How should the truth of Psalm 24:1 affect how we view our earthly possessions?
- 5. How would you respond to someone who claimed that the Jews were "oppressors and occupiers" of the land of Palestine, and that it does not truly belong to the Jews.
- 6. What should our attitude be toward the Modern State of Israel?
- 7. How does all of this challenge you personally?

 In light of the rising hatred toward Jews (and Christians), I purpose to