

# A MANTLE

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

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**Summary:** This lesson looks at the family of the Church worldwide, and our place in it. We will meet Fr. Tomie, the Orthodox priest for Tubas, Burqin, and Zababdeh. The class should consider the responsibility of being in relationship with other parts of the Body of Christ, and what that relationship looks like.

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### **Prayer and introduction**

Sample prayer

*Merciful and loving Lord, teach us how to be your church. May we be knit together in unity. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.*

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### **Scripture**

Romans 15:22-29

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### **Questions**

*What messages does Paul have for people in these four places: Rome, Jerusalem, Macedonia and Achaia, and Spain?*

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### **Film**

"A Mantle" segment.

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### **Questions**

*How do the messages listed on the board speak to the church today, in America, in the Middle East, and elsewhere?  
Do they apply to us, and how?*

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### **Closing and prayer**

Sample prayer

*Gracious and loving God, we pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world. Teach us to support and encourage one another, and give us the wisdom to be your faithful witnesses to this world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.*

<h2>Daily Walk</h2> <p>An invitation to daily prayer and witness</p>	
<p><b>Daily Prayer:</b>  <i>Frame your daily walk with this series in prayer—feel free to use your own prayer or the one provided:</i>  As you are three in one and one in three, Holy Trinity, teach us how to be the Church. Teach us to be in relationship with one another, sharing our gifts and diversity. And teach us to be united as one Body. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Amen.</p>	<p><b>Daily Action:</b>  Available online: <a href="http://www.saltfilms.net/guides/mantle-student.pdf">http://www.saltfilms.net/guides/mantle-student.pdf</a></p> <p>Day 1) <i>Read Scripture:</i> Romans 1:8-15.</p> <p>Day 2) <i>Hear from a Holy Land Christian:</i> An interview with Dr. Bishara Awad, founder of Bethlehem Bible College.  <a href="http://www.worldvision.org/worldvision/mag.nsf/0/0d20c78943897b8c8825678a000345f5?OpenDocument">http://www.worldvision.org/worldvision/mag.nsf/0/0d20c78943897b8c8825678a000345f5?OpenDocument</a></p> <p>Day 3) <i>Learn more:</i> Background and statistics about Palestinian Christians.  <a href="http://www.al-bushra.org/holyland/sabella.htm">http://www.al-bushra.org/holyland/sabella.htm</a></p> <p>Day 4) <i>Be inspired:</i> Partnership grows between Christians in Chapel Hill and Zababdeh.  <a href="http://www.upcch.org/modules/tinycontent1/index.php?id=29">http://www.upcch.org/modules/tinycontent1/index.php?id=29</a></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 the Churches in Danger project to help stem the tide of Christian emigration from the Holy Land.  <a href="http://www.pcusa.org/give/online/projectSelectAction.do?numberString=E051646">http://www.pcusa.org/give/online/projectSelectAction.do?numberString=E051646</a></p>