



DARFUR: A Call To Action

Lessons from Faith Leaders



Discussion Guide for Interfaith Groups

After the film, use the texts and questions below with the entire audience, or break into small groups first and then return to the larger group to share ideas. You may distribute this sheet before the film to acquaint the audience with these texts, or wait until after the viewing. We hope this discussion will lead your group to think about ways you can help solve the crisis in Darfur.

1 *Text:* In the film, Bishop Ricard says: “One of the first questions in the Hebrew Bible was ‘Where is your brother?’ when God asked Cain where his brother Abel was. And he says, ‘Am I my brother’s keeper?’ And throughout the remainder of the scripture is an answer to that question – yes you are!”

Questions: Who are your “brothers and sisters?” What responsibilities do we have to those beyond our “families?” How might you partner with people of other faiths, of other “families,” to help alleviate the pain and suffering in Darfur?

2 *Text:* In the film, Moheamed Dafalla Ishag talks about his brother, who was like a father to him, and was shot five times in the back by the Janjaweed militia. He says, “If I have a chance to say something for my brother, I’m praying all days for you.”

Questions: What role does prayer play in healing the wounds in Darfur? What role does it play in sustaining you in this work?

3 *Text:* In the film, Dr. Mattson says: “There is a rule in Islamic law that if you keep silent, you are consenting to an action.”

Questions: Do you feel you are speaking loudly enough for Darfur? If not, what is stifling your voice? How can the people in this group help you?

4 *Text:* “We change the world one life at a time, one day at a time, one act at a time. There really is no other way,” Rabbi Sacks says in the film.

Questions: Please share one relationship or interaction from your past where this concept applies, whether you were helping someone or they were helping you. How might this experience apply to your work for Darfur?