

## **Sand and Sorrow Discussion Questions**

1. The film portrays the genocide in Sudan as a conflict between the Sudanese government and its allied militias, the Janjaweed, versus the Sudanese rebels. Do you believe the conflict is really this simple? Describe some of the complexities you saw between the groups.

Read about the complexities and the answers to the genocide in Darfur [<http://www.enoughproject.org/node/520>]

2. John Prendergast, Samantha Power, and Nick Kristof, bring the genocide into the offices of the United States Senate to plead on behalf of the innocent civilians of Darfur. How can you as U.S. citizens bring pressure on your elected officials?

Urge your elected officials and policy makers to implement “3Ps” of crisis response: peacemaking, protection and punishment [[link to Sudan card](#)].

3. Sand and Sorrow examines the international community's “legacy of failure” to respond to genocide and crimes against humanity. Why do you believe people are indifferent to what is happening or unwilling to help? How can you change that attitude?

Read “Not on Our Watch: The Mission to End Genocide in Darfur and Beyond” in which John Prendergast and Don Cheadle outline six inspiring strategies to help bring about change [<http://www.notonourwatchbook.com/>].

4. “Sand and Sorrow” focuses on the genocide in Darfur, but what did you learn or already know about the conflict between the North and South in Sudan? How can the international community help reconcile both conflicts?

Read more about “An All Sudan Solution” [[http://www.enoughproject.org/reports/allsudan\\_20071114.php](http://www.enoughproject.org/reports/allsudan_20071114.php)]

5. Although the U.S. declared that genocide was taking place in Darfur, it often looks more like chaos than genocide. Is the genocide in Darfur over? Is what is happening now in Darfur and eastern Chad a matter of anarchy, chaos, and “inter-tribal” warfare?

Read about the “Echoes of Genocide in Darfur” [[http://www.enoughproject.org/reports/darfurechoes\\_20070905.php](http://www.enoughproject.org/reports/darfurechoes_20070905.php)]