**All groups discuss:** What are your general impressions of the book, and how does it compare with other books that we have read for this class?

**Different groups discuss:**

Chapter 2: Settling in the Promised Land—**for Group #1**

How does Manz describe the village of Santa Maria Tzejá in the years after it was founded in 1970, but before militarization and the “arrival of the war” intensified in the early 1980s? How strong was the community in these early years?

Chapter 3: The War Finds Paradise**—for Groups #2 & #3**

Describe the EGP (Guerilla Army of the Poor)—what was their ideology and how and why did they organize? How did the villagers of Santa Maria Tzejá feel about the EGP and to what extent were they involved with them?

Chapter 4: Ashes, Exodus, and Faded Dreams**—for Groups # 4 & #5**

Describe the displacement of people and the exodus of villagers. Did people in the village all act in tandem with one another, or did different people react differently to the presence of guerillas and the military?