**L’Chaim Group Agenda**

**Beth Shechinah**

***Our God is a Testing God***

Aug 24 – 30

**Welcome (Icebreaker Options – choose one)**

What made you decide to attend this congregation?

What made you decide to live in Calgary?

What do you still want to accomplish with your life?

For what are you thankful?

What is your most memorable event in life and why?

**Mission Statement:** We focus on three things: connecting with Yeshua, connecting with one another, and serving our world. This group does not exist for us. Someone invited you, now it is your turn to invite others.

**Worship:** (**possible options – choose one**)

Have times in worship where your small group members, one by one, speak out:

Lead members in a time of testimony. Have them share one of the following:

* Their answered prayers during the week
* One or two special things God did for them this week
* The thing about Yeshua that make them follow him
* One attribute of God that was demonstrated to them this week
* Or finish the sentence: “Lord I thank you for…”
* Play song From the East to the West

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FWMebzGZGZc>

**Word (Discussion Questions):**

* **Read** Deut 13
* What new insight(s) do you glean from reading these verses?
* God allows our love for Him to be tested. What are some things that can rival our love for Yeshua?
* How can we discern false prophets and false signs and wonders from the genuine? (see also Matt 7:15, 21-23; Jer 23:25-28)
* What is the danger is using *experience* or *feelings* as the criteria for the legitimacy of a miracle? (see also Prov 14:12)
* God can also use personal relationships to test our love for Him. How does Luke 14:26 help us with relationship priorities?
* If Yeshua is demoted to second love how can we restore our love for Him so that He is our first love? (Rev 2:1 – 5)
* What is the blessing of Deut 13:17 – 18)?
* As we wrap up, what is a lesson, a promise, a command, or a warning that you needed to hear from these passages?

**Works** (**Edification**): Break up into small groups and minister to each other based on what was shared in the Word portion. Spend some time praying for one another to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

**Witness:** Pray through your ***oikos.*** If you haven’t created an *oikos* list yet, spend the remainder of the time doing that. And if time remains pray through it