**L’Chaim Group Agenda**

**Beth Shechinah**

**The Holy Spirit**

June 22 - 28

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

* What book, video, or movie have you seen that you would recommend to others? Why would you recommend it?
* What do you think delights God above everything else in your life?
* What encouraging thing was said to you last week?

**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 Christ 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…”
* Sing: Days of Elijah [h**ttp://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5texaNgNG4s**](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5texaNgNG4s)
* Sing Hallelujah[**http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7t-CMhmxoVM&list=RDtYGk2EsPhxo&index=11**](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7t-CMhmxoVM&list=RDtYGk2EsPhxo&index=11)

**Word (Discussion Questions):**

**Scriptures:** Ps 83; Esther 3:8 - 9

* What new insight(s) do you glean from reading these passages?
* Was there a time in your life where you felt overwhelmed by the challenges you were facing and all you could do was cry out to the Lord? How did God respond to your hearts cry?
* The conflict Israel faces is not about land it’s about being the people of the Book. Why does our commitment to the entire Word of God generate such hatred among the unbelieving nations?
* Israel was at her lowest point in the time of Judges. The examples Asaph uses to show God’s powerful intervention comes from the book of Judges. What does this say about the Lord’s commitment to our deliverance even when we are at our lowest point spiritually?
* What can we do as Messianic believers to prepare ourselves spiritually and to alert others to the growing threat of persecution both for the Jewish person in the form of anti-semitism and then to the Christian (Radical Islamists have this saying “First the Saturday people then the Sunday people.” Meaning go after Jews first then the Christians)?
* 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