**L’Chaim Group Agenda**

**Beth Shechinah**

***Faith of Abraham***

Nov 2 - 8

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

* One thing which has stressed me out this week …
* What is one thing you do not understand about the opposite sex is?
* What would you do over from the past week?
* worked (or didn't work). (You aren't limited to religious groups; most of us are involved in small groups at work.)
* What is the most memorable Bible you have received (graduation, Baptism, wedding, etc.) and why?
* What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think about God?

**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 **Barush Haba B’Shem Adonai** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=puV9nGwbhO>
* Play song: **Faithful One**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uxviwvjyg1w&spfreload=10>

**Word (Discussion Questions):**

* **Read** Heb 11:1 – 3
* How would you define faith according to this passage? Rabbi Cal mentioned that a simple definition of faith is ***trusting confidence.*** How does the life of Abraham demonstrate that kind of faith? (cf., Gen 15:1 – 6). Contrast Abraham’s faith from Gen 15 with his faith in Gen 16:10 – 12. Why did Abraham take matters in his own hands? Why do we often take matters in our own hands rather than wait on the Lord (Read Prov 13:12)
* Yeshua described two types of faith – **active** and p**assive.** How does Matt 8:5 – 13 and Matt 15:18 – 21 show **active faith**? It what ways have you demonstrated active faith? In what do you need to demonstrate active faith today? How does Matt 9:17 – 24 show **passive faith**?
* The Lord has given each believer a measure of faith (cf., Rom 12:3). Just like our muscles can grow, so can the measure of our faith. How can we grow in the measure of faith the Lord has given? **Read** Rom 10:17, 12:1, 2.
* As we wrap up, what lesson do we need to bring before the Lord, or a command to obey, or a promise to claim?
* Spend some time praying for each other that the Lord would prepare and empower you to increase your measure of faith.

**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