**L’Chaim Group Agenda**

**Beth Shechinah**

*The Mishkan*

Nov 30 – Dec 6

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

* What was the happiest moment of your life?
* Tell us about your first date.
* Tell us about your best earthly friend.
* What was the greatest compliment I’ve ever received?
* What room in your house do you like best?
* What one thing do you want to accomplish next 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 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 **How Great is our God** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ZFN8TBfgNU>

**Word (Discussion Questions):**

**Read** Isaiah 60:1-3

Hanukkah is the first feast observed after the Fall feasts. Why is it an appropriate time to rededicate our lives to Adonai? The Fall Feasts are a call to repentance whereas Hanukkah is a call to holiness? How can we be holy in an unholy world? Hanukkah is called the Festival of Lights. How can we be the light of the world that Yeshua commands us to be in Mt. 5:13-16

* Yeshua spoke about the Abomination of Desolation and that it would represent the beginning of the end. Why did Yeshua say this? Mathew 24: 15-24 What was the abomination of desolation and how will it occur in our day?
* Rabbi Cal spoke about the sudden rise of the I.S. and that it is an evil and demonic principality. Do you agree with this statement?
* How do we attribute the tremendous growth of Islam today and there goal to establish a one world Muslim empire led by the Mahdi ( their Messiah)
* Rabbi Cal quoted from the Hadith (a collection of sayings by the prophet Mohammad)that the Mahdi’s ascendancy to power is said to be preceded by an army from the east carrying black flags or banners of war. Could this explain the sudden rise of the I.S.
* The Hadith also says that the black flags will signify that the appearance of the Mahdi is imminent. Discuss these recent developments we have been witnessing.
* Islam’s goal is to take possession of Jerusalem and make it the centre of Islamic rule led by the Mahdi. Could this explain why there is a spiritual battle for Jerusalem? What does the Lord say about Jerusalem? Zechariah 12:1-9
* In Daniel 11:31,32 and 12:1-4 Daniel describes the events of the Greeks and the future abomination of Desolation. What does he say we should do as Believers today to combat the darkness that is coming on the earth.
* What does Joshua 1:7-9 instruct us to do?
* As we wrap up, what is a lesson is there a confession we need to bring before the Lord, 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 bear fruit for Him.

**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