**L’Chaim Group Agenda**

**Beth Shechinah**

***Gen 22***

Nov 9 – 15

**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 **Barush Haba B’Shem Adonai** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=puV9nGwbhO>4
* Play song: **Hosanna** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NoM0AT8fBvs>

**Word (Discussion Questions):**

* **Read** Gen 22
* In what way(s) does this passage show us the fact that God communicates His will to us, that is shows the extent of our capacity to love and obey God and our capacity to submit to His will?
* In what way does this “strange command” allow Abraham to experience the pain God will one day go through in the sacrifice of His Son?
* God was asking Abraham to give the promise back to Him. Describe a time when the Lord asked you to give back something previous to you. In what way(s) did that increase your faith?
* When God communicates His will to us, He does so in a manner that leaves no doubt that it is from Him. How can we discern he voice of God? What role does the Word of God and the Spirit of God have in hearing the voice of the Lord?
* Isaac`s submission to Abraham is a picture of Israel`s submission to God, a picture of Yeshua`s submission to His Father and a picture of our submission to Messiah Yeshua. How did Isaac reach this degree of submission (he was in his thirties at this point)? How can we be at a similar place of submission? What role does agreeing with the will of God play into our submission (cf. 22:6, 8)
* Abraham returned alone. Isaac is hidden until we next find him in Gen 24:62ff. If Yeshua represents the greater Isaac what does Rebekah represent (Rebejkah is the gentile bride). Isaac brings Rebekah into the tent of Sarah, how does this represent the Body of Messiah brought into the commonwealth of Israel?
* In what ways does the binding of Isaac foreshadow the substitutionary death and resurrection of Yeshua?
* 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 be a part of God’s end time plan of restoring David’s tent.

**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