**L’Chaim Group Agenda**

**Beth Shechinah**

***The Mystery of the Shemita Year***

Sept 14 - 20

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

* Where would you go, if you could go anywhere?
* Who has had the most influence on your life last week?
* What was the best thing that happened to you last week?
* Name someone you admire who had to overcome great difficulties to get where they are now.

**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):**

* The Shemita year is a year related to the land. It is designated as a sabbatical year for the land. It is also a year of faith and Israel had to trust the Lord for an abundant supply of crop. It is also a year for the sake of the poor and the remission of debts.
* **Read** Lev 25:1 – 7, 18 – 21. Deut 15:1, 2, 9 – 11; Exodus 23:10 – 11; What do these passages teach about an agricultural and financial “reset” and how are they related to acts of benevolence? How can these principle apply today as believers in Yeshua?
* **Read** Jer 34:12 – 17; 2 Chron 36:19 – 21; How is the Babylonian exile related to violating the Shemita years? What are some of the other reasons for the exile?
* As we wrap up, what is a lesson, a promise, a command, or a warning that you needed to hear from these passages?
* Spend some time praying for each other that the Lord would prepare and empower you to live out this high calling

**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