**L’Chaim Group Agenda**

**Beth Shechinah**

***Hosea 14***

Sept 28 – Oct. 4

**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 the Sacrifice Lamb [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zue9Dfbmxos](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zue9Dfbmxos)
* Days of Elijah <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m1Be0qJw9ZE>

**Word (Discussion Questions):**

* **Read** Hosea 14
* God calls Israel to return and bring their confession of sin. Why is it so hard to confess our sins to one another?
* Why do we have the tendency to blame others for our sin and not take personal responsibility?
* During this time it is customary for the Jewish people to cast bread on the waters. What is the purpose of this action? (cf. Micah 7:18 – 19, 1 John 1:9; Ps 103:12). What does it mean to “take away” our sin?
* Part of the confession we bring to the Lord is a plea for His grace. How does an outpouring of His grace affect our walk Him (cf. Titus 2:11, 12)? How does the operation of His grace make us more dependent upon the Lord?
* When God’s anger is turned away He is able to love us freely. What are the blessings of His unrestrained love (cf. 14:5 – 7)
* Our spiritual fruit comes from our union with Him (14:8). What ways does John 15:1 – 5 teach us about bearing fruit?
* Contrast Hosea 4:14, and 14:9. What are the things we need to understand?
* 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 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

THE SACRIFICE LAMB
(Joel Chernoff)

Have you ever heard Messiah has come?
It says in His Word to cleanse every one
Atonement He made iniquity bore
That we can find life in Him evermore
The Sacrifice Lamb has been slain
His blood on the alter a stain
To wipe away guilt and pain
To bring hope eternal
Salvation has come to the world
God's only Son to the world
Jesus the one for the world
Yeshua is He
The prophets of old speak much of Messiah
His death is foretold the purpose is clear
Isaiah did say 'twas for an atonement
To give us a way that leads not to death
The Sacrifice Lamb has been slain
His blood on the alter a stain
To wipe away guilt and pain
To bring hope eternal
Salvation has come to the world
God's only Son to the world
Jesus the one for the world
Yeshua is He
So brothers of mine look not to yourselves
For we are but one we all need His help
We've broken the Law but He paid our debt
That we can find life by Yeshua's death
The Sacrifice Lamb has been slain
His Blood on the alter a stain
To wipe away guilt and pain
To bring hope eternal
So final atonement has come
And brought us new hope by God's Son
If you will believe in your heart
Yeshua you'll know