**L’Chaim Group Agenda**

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***The Season of Preparation***

Sept 7 - 15

**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 month of Elul is a month of preparation. A time to do some soul searching and make things right in our relationship with the Lord and with one another. The number 40 is a test of spiritual determination. Can you think of examples in Scripture where the number 40 is used? What is the significance in each case?
* Psalms 26:2 – 3 and 139:23 – 24 speak about the need to search our hearts. How can we engage in self examination using the principles found in these and other verses?
* God has given us an incredibly high calling. Read 2Cor 3 how does this passage help you better understand how to walk out this high calling?
* 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