

Small Group Guide: Are We Following the Way - Part 2
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Discussion Questions

1. Which of the four main Jewish sects (Pharisees, Sadducees, Zealots, Essenes) surprised you most? Why?
2. The sermon mentions that Pharisees and Yeshua sparred because they respected Him as a rabbi. How does this change your understanding of their interactions in the Gospels?
3. What's the difference between Judaism as "a way of life" versus "a religion"? Why does this distinction matter?
4. Read Genesis 12:1-4 and Genesis 24:57-60. What do these passages reveal about God's plan for including people from "the nations"?
5. The message traces Gentile inclusion from Rebekah through Ruth to Cornelius. What pattern do you see in how these individuals joined God's covenant people?
6. Read Isaiah 56:6-8. How does this prophecy from the 700s BC demonstrate that Gentile inclusion wasn't "Plan B"?
7. In what ways were the early Gentile believers in "The Way" similar to Rebekah, Rachel, and Leah? How were they different?

8. The message states that "Gentile Believers can be a light to the Jewish people by showing... I can live a Biblically righteous life as a Gentile!" What does this look like practically in your life?

9. How can understanding the Jewish roots of our faith help us be better disciples of Yeshua?

10. The message emphasizes that Jewish and Gentile believers "complement each other." What unique perspectives or strengths might each bring to the Body of Messiah?

11. Have you ever felt like the "new person" trying to tell established members "how it's done"? How should newcomers to faith approach learning from those with more experience?

12. Why do you think it was so difficult for first-century Jewish believers to actively engage with Gentile believers, even though Scripture clearly pointed to this inclusion?

13. The message mentions that "every heavenly being can look and see... all of those humans are together operating in unity even though they are not all the same." What barriers to unity exist in the Body of Messiah today? How can we overcome them?

14. What does it mean practically for us to be "guardians of the Scriptures" together as Jewish and Gentile believers?