

Small Group Guide: "Are We Following 'The Way'" - Week 3
May 16, 2026

1. What surprised you most about Caleb and Othniel being Kenizzites (from Canaan) yet becoming leaders in Israel?
2. Read Genesis 15:18-21 and Numbers 13:6, 32:11-12. How does knowing Caleb's background change your understanding of his faith and courage as one of the two faithful spies?
3. Why do you think Scripture specifically identifies Caleb as a Kenizzite rather than just calling him a member of Judah's tribe? What might God be communicating to us through this detail?
4. The message states: "Your genealogical background is not erased" when you align with God. How does this challenge or affirm your understanding of what it means to be a believer?
5. What does "alignment with God" look like practically? How did Caleb and Othniel demonstrate complete alignment while maintaining their distinct identity?
6. Read Acts 10 (Cornelius's story). In what ways was Cornelius already aligned with the God of Israel before Peter arrived? What changed after his encounter with the Gospel?
7. Discuss this statement: "Faith and trust in Yeshua as Messiah is enough." How do we balance this truth with Yeshua's call to obey His commandments?

8. The message mentions some believers think they need to become "something other" to be better off. Have you ever felt pressure to adopt practices or identities that aren't genuinely yours? How do you navigate this?

9. Romans 3:1-2 and 9:4-5 describe unique Jewish advantages and responsibilities. As Gentile believers (if applicable), how should we honor the Jewish roots of our faith without appropriating Jewish identity?

10. What made the early Jewish believers so attractive that both Jews and Gentiles wanted "what they had"? What can we learn from their example?

11. Read Isaiah 2:2-3 together. How does this prophecy help you understand God's heart for all nations? How are you participating in this vision?

13. The Spirit of God came upon Othniel (Judges 3:10), a Kenizzite leading Israel. What does this teach us about God's willingness to use anyone fully aligned with Him?