

Small Group Guide: The People of Exile

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Key Takeaways:

1. Exile has been a significant part of Israel's history and spiritual formation.
2. God's presence and guidance remain constant, even in times of exile.
3. The importance of keeping God's statutes and commandments in our daily lives.
4. The need for intentional living and teaching God's ways to future generations.
5. The relevance of Torah and God's commandments for both Jewish and Gentile believers in Messiah Yeshua.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does the concept of "exile" apply to our spiritual lives today? In what ways might we feel spiritually exiled?
2. The message mentions that "Exile molded and shaped Jacob." How have challenging times or periods of "exile" in your life shaped your faith?
3. Discuss the significance of the Temple as a "connecting point between God and Earth." How do we maintain that connection today without a physical Temple?
4. How can we practically apply Moses' instruction to "take to heart that Adonai, He is God, in the heavens above and on the earth below—there is no other"?

5. The message emphasizes teaching God's words diligently to children. What are some creative ways we can incorporate this into our daily lives and family routines?

6. Reflect on the statement: "Wrestling with Scripture wrestles with us and changes us." Share an experience where engaging with Scripture has changed your perspective or actions.

7. How can we cultivate a lifestyle of intentional living for God that radiates to others, as described in the message?

Practical Applications:

1. This week, try to recognize and acknowledge God's hand in the "mundane things" of your daily life. Share your experiences with the group next time.

2. Practice thanking God after meals, not just before, as a way to cultivate gratitude.

3. Choose a passage from Torah to study this week. Reflect on how it applies to your life as a follower of Yeshua.

4. Identify one way you can intentionally share God's wisdom or love with someone in your regular daily interactions.

5. Reflect on your own "exile" experiences and how they have shaped your faith. Journal about this and be prepared to share insights with the group.