



# Light of Messiah Ministries

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## Sharing With Your Group (Big or Small)

**G**enerally speaking, the importance of the local church and personal relationships is underemphasized when it comes to reaching our world for Jesus. I've said it before and I will say it again...the best way for us to meet Jewish people is through you! **Most Jewish people with whom we meet, and accept Jesus, are introduced to us through non-Jewish Christians.** Those of you who read our letter, keep up with us online, or have seen me speak in a church, are our greatest assets for Jewish ministry.

**Consider having a Passover in your home with friends and neighbors. I'll come to your house!**

**It is through the relationship building process that connections are made and people are most effectively reached with the message of Jesus.** When we pool our resources and share our relationships with each other, everyone benefits, the Gospel is communicated in a more powerful way, and the Kingdom is advanced.

**The main reason we speak in churches is NOT to raise financial support for our mission.** The financial benefit is secondary and comes as a result of individuals hearing our message and responding to the fruit they see from our work. **Our main goal in the local church is to help people understand the Jewish roots of our faith so that they may be empowered and convicted to reach Jewish people themselves.** For those with Jewish friends our ministry becomes a resource through which this goal is accomplished.

Here's a typical email we receive all the time...

*"Hey Murray,*



*One of my good friends recommended I reach out to you. I currently live in a Jewish neighborhood and had the pleasure of meeting almost 20 women who go to a near by synagogue. They are all Jewish.*

*I know I'm called to share the gospel with the Jewish people and I was wondering if Light of Messiah can help me. I'd love advice on starting little outreach / ministry opportunities here. This is new for me and I'm trying to find a balance between gaining new friendships but also not being afraid to tell them gospel truth. Thanks!*

**Networking with other believers who have a heart for the Jewish community is our best way to reach Jewish people.**

Many of you assume that we only speak in churches or for large groups of people. That's not the case. **In fact, the best way for us to help you and your church is to visit one of your small group gatherings.** Many of our best meetings and most profitable contacts have been made in a small group setting outside of the context of a regular church service.

We have ministered at neighborhood bible studies, men's/women's bible

studies that meet during the day or at night, couples small groups, corporate bible studies, homeschool groups, and Sunday school classes. We have been asked to teach at Beth Moore studies, Bible Study Fellowship classes, Community Bible Studies, and Disciple Bible Studies. Sometimes a Sunday school class will have a special get together on a Saturday evening, or another night of the week, so we can answer questions from the Bible from a Jewish perspective.

Common questions are, "What do Jewish people think about the afterlife?", "Why do Jewish people reject Jesus as the Messiah?", "What do Jewish people believe about blood sacrifice and atonement since there is no Temple or sacrificial system?", And most importantly, "How do we reach Jewish people for Jesus?". These are just a few of the many questions people have about the Jewish people, our Jewish roots, and Israel.

It is difficult to have the same kind of discussion in a church that one might have in a similar bible study setting. Food and fellowship are an important part of a get together like this! **Bible study groups create intimacy.**

**An intimate atmosphere is always a place where visitors and seekers feel more comfortable.** I have met many Jewish people at a small group bible study or a testimony sharing event. Most people feel more comfortable in a neighborhood clubhouse or someone's living room. I have also shared at bible studies at Starbuck's and in restaurants.

So let me give you a few ideas about having me come to share with the groups to which you may be connected...

### Neighborhood Bible Studies

If you have a bible study in your neigh-

borhood we can come speak at your clubhouse or someone's home, We will share a testimony, answer questions, or teach on the Jewish holidays/Jewish roots. You may invite the whole neighborhood or just invite people you know personally. Some neighborhood groups just want us to educate the Christians in the neighborhood on how to share with their Jewish friends/neighbors. Others want to make our presence an opportunity for outreach.

### Men's and Women's Bible Studies

Do you have a bible study group that meets during the week? Are you studying a book of the bible? Do you have questions about the Jewish roots of the scriptures? Are you wondering what Jewish people believe? We are here to help out. **It's difficult to read and study the bible without running into questions about Israel or the Jewish people.**

Since the bible, in its' entirety, was written by Jewish people (except Luke/Acts) and set within a Jewish background/context (both Old and New Testaments), it's important to look at the bible with an understanding of the cultural context. Perhaps you can take a "break" for a week or two and have me come to answer questions about your study from a Jewish perspective. Ask your bible study leader.

### Office Bible Studies

**I have had the opportunity to teach several bible studies that meet in major corporate offices.** Oftentimes employees will have a study with coworkers. Occasionally a business will sponsor a bible study for their employees. These kinds of studies are great for businessmen, lawyers, and other professionals to have before work begins or during their lunch hour. They are also great studies to which one might invite curious friends.

### Sunday School Classes

Perhaps your Sunday school class has questions. **Regardless of the size of your class we can meet with you on a day other than Sunday. How about a Sunday school get together on a Friday or Saturday night?** We can help address questions that pop up. It's a fun and different way for a class to learn and fellowship together. You can also invite friends who may not come to church on Sunday.



### Homeschool Groups

One of the most fun groups for us to teach is the homeschool group. We have conducted Passover demonstrations for thousands of homeschooled young people and their families. **Children love to learn about the Jewish roots of our faith and the Jewish holidays because Jesus celebrated them!** We believe it imperative to instill within our children a love for the Jewish people, an appreciation for Jewish/Israel history, and an understanding of our Jewish roots as believers in Jesus.

Our children need to know how to sensitively share their faith with their Jewish friends and associates when they get older. We are equipped to help your children grow in their faith and in their understanding of God's word by learning about our Jewish heritage.

**We are now in the process of finalizing our spring calendar and are already looking ahead to the fall of the year.**

Give us a call or visit us at our web site. I would love to come to speak to your church, small group, or bible study. Let us know how we can help you.

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## Passover in Your Home or Neighborhood

If you are unable to attend our ministry Passover banquet consider having a Passover seder in your home or subdivision clubhouse.

One person writes, *"We are looking forward to being together with you in March! A little bit about this group--there will be 8 couples (16 people total). We are a group of close friends who started a "Supper Club" a while back and this will essentially be our March Supper Club. Ever since Beth and I attended the Seder Meal at Fellowship in Roswell with her parents a few years back, we have wanted these friends to experience it as well.*

Contact out ministry!!

## Passover Banquet 2018

Passover will be here before you know it and we are planning our ministry Passover events for March. **The date for our ministry Passover seders is Friday night March 23rd at Fellowship Bible Church in Roswell, GA.** This Passover seder is a very special night for our ministry and for our supporters.


**There is only space for 200 people.** Please use the enclosed flyer to make your reservations or you can make reservations online at [www.lightofmessiah.org](http://www.lightofmessiah.org). We always have a waiting list. Register early!!

## Thank You!!

Our ministry is here to encourage you to pray for the Jewish people and to help them hear the message of Jesus.

**As always, thank you for caring enough, and trusting us enough, to send us back to the Jewish people with the love of Messiah Jesus!**

In His service,

  
 Murray Tilles...for the Staff  
 Light of Messiah Ministries

