

## Calendar Reflection & Study Notes

### 4.4 Tools for You

#### Purpose

To give some practical ideas and some biblical principals for reaching Jewish people effectively with the Good News.

#### Scriptures

[Leviticus 23](#) – God has a calendar of feasts and fasts - the Jewish year

[Matthew 5:18](#) - Jesus on the Torah

[Exodus 20](#), [Deuteronomy 30:19-20](#), [Leviticus 18:5](#) - Life is valuable in Judaism

[Ecclesiastes 3](#), [2 Timothy 4:2](#) – There are discernible seasons to reaching out

#### Scenario Questions

- 1) You are speaking with your Jewish friend and the topic of sabbath observance comes up. You listen as they share what keeping the shabbat\* means to them. How might you show understanding and how might you seek to draw parallels between your own personal Christian convictions and those of your friends?
- 2) A Jewish friend of yours is always worried about antisemitism and constantly mentions the terrible things in the news. You know he is religious and does attend synagogue. How might you draw on the themes of Hanukkah / Purim to explain to him that in many instances in the past God has spared the Jewish people? How might you explain to him that trusting in Yeshua is a way of providing hope and that it is, in fact, a very Jewish thing to do?
- 3) One of your relatives begins to share with you how they are already making preparations for Pesach.\* How might you show an interest with your words and your questions? How might you gently share about why you feel Yeshua is the Passover lamb?
- 4) You are chatting with a Jewish friend of yours who has just started coming to your church. She is open and very near to coming to faith. What might you share with her concerning the biblical feasts? How could you present an overview of how they are prophetic?
- 5) You have been having discussions with your Jewish work colleague for some time about faith. They know you are a Christian and you have been trying to show them that Jesus is Jewish and that the Bible has many things to say about the Jewishness of our faith. You get on to the topic of Passover. How might you lovingly explain how Yeshua is the true lamb that the Passover prophetically points to? What Bible verses might you share?

## **Summary**

In this segment of videos we've seen that: God has an appointment diary to meet with His people, life is valuable in Judaism and that we can share in the seasons in the Jewish year and build bridges to speak about Messiah. Let us pray for wisdom from God in how to be sensitive to that and for the creativity to embody the life of the Messiah that is inbuilt into all of these festivals.

## **Your Notes:**

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We recommend that you view the Care section of videos first and then watch all of the videos before you engage Jewish people with the Gospel.

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