



## SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Week 3 August 28, 2022  
"Judaism"



### OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we are so grateful for our Jewish friends and their desire to love you with all their hearts, soul, mind and strength. Help us to never sit in silence when anti-Semitic behavior is happening around us. Help us to befriend our Jewish friends and neighbors. Help us to love them well. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

#### Genesis 12:1-4 (NIV)

*The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.*

*<sup>2</sup> "I will make you into a great nation,  
and I will bless you;*

*I will make your name great,  
and you will be a blessing.*

*<sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you,  
and whoever curses you I will curse;  
and all peoples on earth  
will be blessed through you."*

#### Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (NIV)

*<sup>4</sup> Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>5</sup> Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.*

#### Romans 11:28-29 (NIV)

*<sup>28</sup> As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies for your sake; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, <sup>29</sup> for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable.*

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## “Christianity and World Religions: Judaism”

### INTRODUCTION

Judaism is the world's oldest monotheistic religion, dating back nearly 4,000 years. Followers of Judaism believe in one God who revealed himself through ancient prophets. The history of Judaism is essential to understanding the Jewish faith, which has a rich heritage of law, culture and tradition.

Judaism and Christianity share common ground with many beliefs. The one area of disagreement is the identity of Jesus Christ. Jews do not believe he is the messiah. In spite of our differences in that topic, we need to hold our Jewish friends and neighbors in highest esteem because they are like our older brother and sisters in faith. Too many times in human history, Christians have been silent in the face of anti-Semitic behavior. We should never tolerate anti-Semitic behavior in our communities and we should never remain silent.

### QUESTIONS

1. Do you have any Jewish friends, neighbors, or co-workers? If so, have you ever had a discussion about religion with them?
2. Have you ever personally experienced anti-Semitic behavior toward Jewish people in your sphere of influence? If so, how did you respond?
3. People of the Jewish faith do not believe that Jesus is the Messiah. However, the apostle Paul says that they will always be God's chosen people (read Romans 11:28-29 on page 1.) Based on Pastor Eric's sermon, what does this mean for the salvation of the Jewish people? Do you agree or disagree?
4. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-5. How do you demonstrate your love for God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength?
5. Read Genesis 12:1-4 on page 1. What does this teach us about God's desire for us?

### FINAL APPLICATION

This week work on gaining a better understanding of Judaism.