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## GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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### The Mo'edim: Shavuot (Feast of Weeks / Pentecost)

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#### TEACHING SUMMARY

Shavuot is one of YHWH's mo'edim — His appointed times. The word Shavuot means “weeks,” because it is celebrated after counting seven full weeks (fifty days) from the firstfruits offering during Unleavened Bread (Leviticus 23:15–16).

Shavuot is a harvest festival celebrating the wheat harvest, but it is also deeply connected to redemption history. It commemorates Israel's journey from Egypt to Sinai and is traditionally associated with the giving of the Torah. At Sinai, YHWH took Israel to be His people in covenant relationship — often described as marriage covenant language (Exodus 6:6–8; Jeremiah 31:31–32).

In the New Testament, Shavuot gains additional significance. In Acts 2, the Holy Spirit was poured out on Shavuot, empowering believers to proclaim the Gospel to the nations. Thus, Shavuot memorializes both the giving of the Torah and the giving of the Spirit — reminding us that we are redeemed, covenant people empowered to bless the nations.

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#### SUMMARY POINTS

- Shavuot means “weeks” and is celebrated after counting fifty days.
  - It is both a harvest festival and a pilgrimage festival.
  - Shavuot marks the completion of the Passover season.
  - It is traditionally associated with the giving of the Torah at Sinai.
  - The Sinai covenant is described in marriage covenant language.
  - In Acts 2, the Holy Spirit was poured out on Shavuot.
  - Shavuot reminds us that we are redeemed and called to walk in obedience.
  - The Torah and the Holy Spirit work together in God's redemptive plan.
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### Basic

1. The Hebrew word Shavuot means \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Shavuot occurs on the \_\_\_\_\_ day after the firstfruits offering.
  3. Pentecost means the \_\_\_\_\_ day.
  4. Shavuot celebrates the \_\_\_\_\_ harvest.
  5. At Mount Sinai, YHWH took Israel to be His \_\_\_\_\_.
  6. The giving of the Torah is often described as a \_\_\_\_\_ covenant.
  7. In Acts 2, the Holy Spirit was poured out on the day of \_\_\_\_\_.
  8. Through Messiah, we are adopted as children of \_\_\_\_\_.
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### Challenging

1. Israel declared at Sinai, “All YHWH has spoken we will \_\_\_\_\_” (Exodus 19:8).
  2. Shavuot marks the completion or \_\_\_\_\_ of the Passover season.
  3. The counting period between Firstfruits and Shavuot is traditionally called the counting of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  4. The Torah commands that Shavuot be treated as a day of \_\_\_\_\_ from ordinary work.
  5. Believers are empowered by the Holy Spirit to be witnesses to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth (Acts 1:8).
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## GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why is Shavuot connected so closely to Passover?
2. How does the Sinai covenant resemble a marriage covenant?
3. Why is it significant that the Holy Spirit was given on Shavuot?
4. How do the Torah and the Holy Spirit complement each other?
5. What does it mean practically to live as covenant people?
6. How does Shavuot remind us of our mission to bless the nations?
7. In what ways can believers rejoice and rest on this appointed time today?

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## ANSWER KEY – GROUP GUIDE

### Basic

1. Weeks
2. Fiftieth
3. Fiftieth
4. Wheat
5. People
6. Marriage
7. Shavuot (Pentecost)
8. Abraham

### Challenging

1. Do
2. Completion (climax)
3. Omer
4. Rest
5. Ends