



CORNER FRINGE MINISTRIES

FREEDOM IN MESSIAH*Leader Guide | Week 10 | The Armor Audit & Aaron and Hur Assignment***Hold Up My Arms****01 SESSION OVERVIEW***A leaders snapshot for meeting night*

Theme	Spiritual Discernment
Core Focus	Being surprised and destabilized by spiritual conflict rather than recognizing it as an expected part of taking ground from the enemy
Exodus	Exodus 17:8–13 — The battle with Amalek. Victory required sustained, communal, undivided attention. Aaron and Hur held Moses' arms until the sun set.
Memory Anchor	"Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you." — James 4:7

SESSION TIMING		
Welcome & Open	5 min	<i>Cameras on, welcome people, frame the evening</i>
Teaching Video	9–11 min	<i>Play the recorded lesson — give relevant context</i>
Breakout Groups	60 min	<i>Student Guide drives the session (Breakout Tool secondary)</i>
Main Room Recap	15–20 min	<i>Groups share, leader guides discussion</i>
Close & Prayer	5 min	<i>Use the Memory Anchor, send with purpose</i>

WHAT THIS MEETING IS REALLY ABOUT

By Week 10 your group has done significant work — identity, strongholds, renewal, forgiveness, accusation. That is ten weeks of taking ground from the enemy. Importantly, the enemy does not give up in this life, and he retaliates by attacking what matters. Some people in your group may be experiencing more spiritual conflict right now than they did before the curriculum began. That is not evidence that the curriculum is not working — it is evidence that it is working. This week's meeting seeks to help participants recognize the enemy's pattern and respond with authority rather than anxiety.

02 LEADER SELF-CHECK*Think about this ahead of time*

You cannot lead people into territory you have been unwilling to enter yourself. Take five minutes alone with these questions in preparation for meeting night.

Sometime before the meeting, honestly contemplate these questions:

1. Am I currently experiencing any intensified spiritual pressure — conflict in relationships, recurring temptation, unusual discouragement — that may be connected to the ground I am taking in this curriculum?
2. Do I have people in my life who are holding up my arms — an Aaron and Hur — or am I trying to lead this group from a place of isolation?
3. Am I submitting to God consistently — positioning myself under His authority before I attempt to resist the enemy?
4. Is there a piece of the armor of God I am consistently not wearing? What does that exposed area cost me?
5. Am I prepared to help people see that their struggle is not evidence of failure but evidence of engagement?

WHY THIS MATTERS

A leader who has not done their own work will unconsciously steer the group away from the places they themselves have avoided. You do not have to be perfect or fully healed to lead this group. But you do have to be honest — with yourself and also with God. If you feel unsettled about any of the questions above, please spend some more time with additional preparation and prayer.

03 BEFORE AND DURING THE SESSION

Reference the Week 1 Leader Guide for more detail

A well-prepared leader creates a well-prepared room. Please review the Week 1 Leader Guide for a reminder of how to prepare.

Prayer Focus This Week

- Pray for protection over the group this week. By Week 10 the enemy has had ten weeks to observe this community. Ask God to cover what has been built and to guard what is still being developed.
- Pray specifically for anyone you know is experiencing intensified spiritual pressure right now. Ask God to give them the clarity to recognize what is happening and the authority to stand in it.
- Pray for the group's capacity to hold each other up — to be genuinely present in each other's battles rather than focused on managing their own lives from a distance.

Pastoral Notes (What this session tends to surface):

- Week 10 is a significant community-formation moment. The Aaron and Hur principle, applied practically, produces the kind of sustained relational accountability that most small groups never develop. Do not treat it as a nice illustration — treat it as a structure to be built.
- Two weeks remain after tonight. By Week 10, the group knows each other well enough that the debrief conversations tend to be the most honest and the most connected of the entire curriculum. Give the debrief its full 15–20 minutes this week.

- If there are people who have been consistent observers rather than participants — present but not engaged personally — Week 10 is a good week for a private, gentle conversation about what is keeping them at a distance. Two weeks remain to engage more fully.

LEADER DEVELOPMENT | HOLDING GRIEF WITHOUT FIXING IT

This week begin thinking beyond the curriculum. The Aaron and Hur principle is not just for the session — it is a model for what the community needs to sustain after Week 12. Start planting the question: Who will hold up your arms after the curriculum ends? Help people begin to identify their specific Aaron and Hur — not just in concept but by name. This is the beginning of the post-curriculum pastoral work you will do with Mike after Week 12.

A WORD FOR YOU

Ten weeks. You have led this group through identity, opposition, authority, strongholds, renewal, counterfeit experience, temptation, accusation, forgiveness, and now active conflict. That is a significant body of work. Two weeks remain and they are the most action-oriented weeks of the curriculum. What you build in Week 11 — the actual moment of repentance and renunciation — is what the previous ten weeks have been preparing for. You have been faithful. Finish well.

04 DURING THE BREAKOUT

How to observe, analyze, and respond as a shepherd

WATCH FOR LISTEN FOR RESPOND WITH	
Discouragement about regression	Some people will come to Week 10 feeling like they have lost ground — the old temptation is back, the old pattern returned. Reframe immediately: the enemy attacks what matters. Ground that is being defended is ground that was taken. Regression after progress is expected, not evidence that the progress was not real.
People fighting alone	The Aaron and Hur image is direct — Moses could not hold his arms up alone and the battle required his arms to stay up. Watch for people who are clearly in a battle but have not told anyone. The sustained arms principle is not just poetry — it is the biblical structure for how sustained victory happens.
Spiritual armor gaps being named	When people in the breakout honestly identify which piece of the armor they consistently do not wear, that is significant diagnostic information. Receive it in the debrief without alarm but with seriousness. An identified gap is a gap that can be addressed.
Fatigue in the room	Ten weeks is a long time. Some people may be experiencing spiritual fatigue. That is not the same as giving up — it is a signal that they need community more than ever. Acknowledge it in the debrief if you sense it: the fact that you are still here, still doing the work, still showing up — that is itself an act of faithfulness.
Real commitment forming	When people in the room commit to being Aaron and Hur for each other — specifically, with names and contact information exchanged — that is one of the most significant community moments in the curriculum. Create space for it. Do not rush past it.

Use this framework for the situations most likely to arise this week:

When someone is clearly under intense spiritual attack right now:

- Stay present and calm. Anxiety from you will amplify theirs.
- Name what you observe: it sounds like you are in a real battle right now. You are not alone in this room.
- After the session, follow up immediately. If the situation seems serious, contact Mike the same evening.
- Do not leave someone who is under real spiritual pressure without an Aaron and a Hur assigned to them before they log off.

When the group wants to become an intercession group rather than following the breakout steps:

- This is a good problem to have — people who want to pray for each other. But it can bypass the personal work the steps are designed to produce.
- Gently redirect: let's finish the step first, and then we can pray. The prayer at the end of the Student Guide is the right container for corporate intercession.

ON THE DOMINANT VOICE — A CONSISTENT REMINDER

The person who dominates is rarely doing it maliciously. But their volume creates quiet for everyone else — and in that quiet, the people who most need to speak stay silent. Address it privately after the session, never in front of the group. The Student Guide structure — writing before speaking at every step — is the tool. If the dominant voice is skipping the writing, that is the specific pattern to address.

05 GUIDING THE RETURN, CLOSING THE SESSION, AND BETWEEN SESSIONS

Reference the Week 1 Leader Guide for more detail

Please refer to the Week 1 Leader Guide for the proper tips and procedures on what to think about and do relative to the return, closing the session, and what to do in-between sessions. Don't forget that the Week 1 Leader Guide also explains when difficult moments require escalation and how to refer to Pastor Mike. Please reference it when needed.

This is a high follow-up week. Here is what to do:

- This is a high-intensity follow-up week. Anyone who named active spiritual conflict or real pressure needs to hear from you before the next session.
- Begin thinking with Mike about what the community needs after Week 12. Week 10 is a good time to start that conversation.
- Pray specifically for the people in your group who are most in need of an Aaron and Hur right now.
- Do the Week 11 personal reflection before the session — this one is significant.

ENCOURAGING WITHOUT ENABLING

Healthy encouragement honors honesty and points toward the next step. Enabling stops at the wound and goes no further — over time it teaches people that their story is their identity, which is exactly the lie this curriculum is breaking. When in doubt: affirm the honesty, point to the Memory Anchor, let the Word do the work.

Thank you again for your service to Corner Fringe Ministries and the Kingdom of God!