



CORNER FRINGE MINISTRIES

FREEDOM IN MESSIAH*Leader Guide | Week 11 | The Renunciation & Declaration Form***Apply the Blood****01 SESSION OVERVIEW***A leaders snapshot for meeting night*

Theme	Repentance & Renunciation
Core Focus	Understanding freedom without occupying it — the gap between passive belief and active declaration.
Exodus	Exodus 12:1–13, 21–23 — The Passover. The blood must be applied. Knowing about the lamb was not protection. Applying the blood was.
Memory Anchor	<i>"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." — 1 John 1:9</i>

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

This is the week the entire curriculum has been building toward. Ten weeks of identification, understanding, and preparation — and tonight the group takes the specific action that moves them from knowing freedom to occupying it. The enemy will work harder against this session than any previous week. Be prepared for unusual distractions, technology issues, emotional resistance, and people who suddenly feel like they do not need to do the specific thing. All of that is expected. Hold the space and keep the group moving toward the act.

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. Have I done my own work of specific repentance and renunciation — not just for the sake of the curriculum, but as a genuine personal act?
2. Is there anything I have been understanding and discussing but not yet occupying — ground I have been talking about rather than standing on?
3. Am I prepared for the level of emotional intensity this session may produce — and for the spiritual pressure that tends to accompany genuine repentance and renunciation?
4. Do I have Mike's contact information easily accessible tonight? This is the week most likely to require a same-evening referral.
5. Have I prayed specifically, seriously, and at length for this session? Not generic preparation — specifically for what is about to happen.

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 with unusual seriousness for this session. This is a night of deliverance — the blood must be applied. Ask God to make every person in your group willing to do the specific act tonight, not just the general understanding.
- Pray for protection over the session itself — over the technology, the breakout rooms, the conversations, and the specific moments of declaration.
- Pray for yourself — that you would hold the session with confidence and calm, that the weight of what is happening would not destabilize you, and that you would follow up faithfully with anyone who needs it afterward.

Pastoral Notes (What this session tends to surface):

- Week 11 is the most spiritually significant session of the curriculum. Treat it accordingly in your preparation, in your prayer, and in your follow-up. What happens in the breakout rooms tonight may be the most significant moment of some people's spiritual journey.
- The hyssop detail is worth holding onto: The Passover instructions were not symbolic — they were specific and required action. Knowledge of the lamb was not protection. The blood applied was. Help the group understand that what is being asked tonight is not a discussion — it is an act.

- Some people will do the formal act of repentance and renunciation and feel nothing immediately. Reassure them: The act is valid whether the feeling follows immediately or not. The blood was applied when Moses dipped the hyssop, not when Israel felt different. Feelings follow truth — they do not precede or produce it.

LEADER DEVELOPMENT | HOLDING GRIEF WITHOUT FIXING IT

Week 11 requires a different kind of presence than previous weeks. This is not facilitation — it is pastoral oversight of a significant spiritual act. The skill this week is holding the weight of the moment without either minimizing it or dramatizing it. Minimizing says this is just another exercise. Dramatizing creates an emotional atmosphere that can be mistaken for the Spirit's movement. The right posture is reverent, calm, and expectant — confident that God meets people in genuine acts of repentance. Be present enough to hold space for however that meeting unfolds.

A WORD FOR YOU

Tonight something happened that the previous ten weeks were building toward. Whether it was dramatic or quiet — whether it felt significant or ordinary — the act of specific repentance, renunciation, and declaration before God and community is not a small thing. You held space for that. You prepared, you prayed, you showed up, and you stayed present for whatever the Spirit did. One week remains. Finish with the same faithfulness you have brought to every week before it. The final session is about sending — and the community you have built will be what makes that sending meaningful.

04 DURING THE BREAKOUT

How to observe, analyze, and respond as a shepherd

WATCH FOR LISTEN FOR RESPOND WITH	
Resistance to the specific step	Some people will intellectualize at the point of action — talking about what they need to renounce without doing it. Gently redirect in the debrief: the Passover instruction was specific. The hyssop, the doorpost, the blood applied. Understanding was not protection. The act was. What would it look like to actually do the thing tonight rather than discuss doing it?
Significant emotional response	Genuine repentance and renunciation often produce significant emotion — sometimes tears, sometimes a physical sense of release, sometimes a quiet that is different from the quiet of numbness. Receive all of it. Do not rush past moments of genuine movement. The emotion is the work.
Person unable to name the specific thing	Some people will arrive at the point of naming and find themselves unable to be specific. Do not push. Ask them to bring the question to God directly: What is the specific thing You want me to name tonight? Then give them time. If it does not come tonight it may come this week in private prayer. That is still progress.
A person in genuine crisis post-declaration	Occasionally a significant act of repentance and renunciation surfaces something deeper — a level of spiritual conflict or emotional distress that exceeds what the group can hold. Stay present. Do not leave the session without following up with that person. Contact Mike immediately.
Genuine freedom breaking through	Sometimes someone names something, renounces it, declares the truth over it, and something visibly changes. The group senses it. These moments are sacred. Receive them with reverence, not enthusiasm — the reverence is more appropriate and more formative.

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

When someone names something that requires more than group support:

- Acknowledge what they named with seriousness and care.
- Do not attempt to process it in the group setting.
- Ensure the person does not log off alone. Stay with them after the session closes if necessary.
- Contact Mike immediately — the same evening, not the next day.

When the breakout group tries to rush through the steps:

- The temptation to get through all five steps quickly is itself a form of resistance.
- Encourage the group to give each person the time their declaration requires.
- If the group is still in Step 3 when the time is up, that is the right place to be. Stay there.

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.

What happens after the Zoom ends is part of your leadership. This week specifically:

- This is the most critical follow-up week of the entire curriculum. Contact every person in your group within 24 hours.
- Any significant disclosures or crisis responses need to go to Mike immediately — the same evening if possible.
- Pray specifically for each person and what they named and declared tonight.
- Do the Week 12 personal reflection before the final session. Read it carefully — it asks you to reflect on your own journey through the curriculum.

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!