



CORNER FRINGE MINISTRIES

FREEDOM IN MESSIAH*Leadership Guide | Week 2 | The Three-Front Diagnostic***Three Fronts, One Battle****01 SESSION OVERVIEW***A leaders snapshot for meeting night*

Theme	The Three Enemies
Core Focus	Failing to identify which front is attacking — and therefore fighting the wrong battle
Exodus	Exodus 1:15–2:10 — Pharaoh's layered strategy. The midwives' response: the fear of God over the fear of Pharaoh.
Memory Anchor	"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood..." — Ephesians 6:12

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 THE FIRST MEETING IS REALLY ABOUT

This week introduces a framework that most people have never been taught: the three-front nature of spiritual opposition. Many people in the group have been treating every spiritual battle the same way — with the same strategy and the same response — without ever identifying which front is actually leading the attack. This week's meeting is primarily a teaching and identifying week. The real work is helping people locate themselves on the map — which front are they most consistently vulnerable to? That honest identification is the beginning of a more effective response.

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 first meeting, honestly contemplate these questions:

1. Do I know which of the three fronts — world, flesh, or enemy — I am most consistently vulnerable to right now?
2. Is there a battle I am currently in that I have been misidentifying? What would change about my response if I correctly named the source?
3. Am I aware of how the world system — its values, its metrics, its definition of success — has shaped my thinking more than I have acknowledged?
4. Have I prayed specifically about the spiritual dynamics in my group this week — not just the people, but the opposition they are under?
5. Am I prepared to model honest self-identification tonight, or am I planning to stay in the teacher role throughout?

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 do this.

Pastoral Notes (What this session tends to surface):

- This week often produces a sense of relief — I am not crazy, there really is something working against me. That relief is healthy but needs to be channeled. The goal is not to explain away personal responsibility but to add spiritual awareness to it.
- Watch for people who have been living with chronic guilt about patterns they have been unable to break. The flesh framework — ingrained pre-conversion patterns — often gives these people language for something they have never been able to name. Handle that relief with care.
- The midwife story from Exodus 1 is worth referencing in your debrief if it did not surface in the groups. Ordinary people making a quietly courageous choice because they feared God more than Pharaoh is an accessible and powerful picture of what this week is calling for.

LEADER DEVELOPMENT | CREATING SAFETY

This week develop the habit of asking a question before offering an observation. When someone shares a struggle, resist the impulse to categorize it for them — world, flesh, or enemy. Instead ask: what does it feel like when that pattern gets loudest? What tends to trigger it? The person who identifies their own front will own the answer in a way that someone who is told never will. Your questions are more powerful than your answers.

A WORD FOR YOU: TO THE ONE DOING THE LEADING

You are two weeks in. The group is beginning to trust both the structure and each other — and that trust was built partly by how you showed up last week. This week you are helping people see a battle more clearly. That is not a small thing. A person who can name what is working against them is a person who can begin to respond strategically rather than reactively. Keep showing up. Keep praying specifically. What you are doing matters.

04 DURING THE BREAKOUT

How to observe, analyze, and respond as a shepherd

Moving through the rooms is active listening with a purpose. Here is what to look for this week:

- Groups working through steps in sequence. People writing before speaking. Personal and specific conversation rather than abstract and theological.
- No single voice dominating. Genuine listening — not just waiting to speak. Moments of silence that signal real engagement.

WATCH FOR LISTEN FOR RESPOND WITH	
Oversimplifying to one front	Some people will want to attribute everything to the enemy and nothing to the flesh — or vice versa. Gently encourage nuance. All three fronts are real and they work together. Watch for people who use spiritual warfare language to avoid personal responsibility, and people who use personal responsibility language to deny spiritual opposition.
Defensiveness about the world front	The world system is the most invisible of the three fronts because it is the water people swim in. People may resist the idea that their values have been shaped by the culture. Do not push — plant the question and let the Spirit work.
Group energized by the topic	Spiritual warfare is a topic people find engaging — sometimes too engaging. Watch for conversations that become more theoretical or exciting than personal. The goal is not understanding the enemy. It is identifying where he is active in my specific life right now.
Someone naming a specific struggle	When someone correctly identifies which front is attacking them — especially the flesh — and names it honestly, that is a significant moment. Receive it without jumping to solutions. The identification itself is the work of this session.
Blame-shifting in the room	Watch for people who are using the three-front framework to explain why nothing is their responsibility. The flesh front exists precisely because we have ingrained patterns that belong to us. Gently hold both truths — real spiritual opposition and real personal responsibility.

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

When someone attributes a serious life pattern entirely to the enemy:

- In private follow-up, gently introduce the question of which front may actually be leading — is this a pattern that predates your faith, or does it spike under specific spiritual pressure?

- Do not make this correction in the group — it can feel like dismissal.

When someone is clearly under real spiritual attack:

- Do not minimize it or redirect to a psychological explanation.
- Affirm that the battle is real, that they are not alone, and that they are in the right community.
- Follow up with Mike if the situation seems to require more than group support.

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.

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