



CORNER FRINGE MINISTRIES

FREEDOM IN MESSIAH

Student Guide | Week 2 | The Three-Front Diagnostic

Three Fronts, One Battle

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Chapter 2 is about this: Our freedom in Messiah is opposed on three fronts simultaneously — the world's system of values, our own flesh, and the direct influence of the enemy. Until we can identify which front is attacking us, we will keep fighting the wrong battle.

THE JOURNEY SO FAR

LAST WEEK

We named the gap between who God says we are and how we are actually living. We introduced the Root Question Framework and established that behavior is never the root — it is always the fruit.

THIS WEEK

We go deeper into the source of that fruit. Three distinct enemies are working against your freedom. This week we learn to identify them — and stop being surprised when they show up.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY ANCHOR

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places."

Ephesians 6:12

A THOUGHT TO CARRY THROUGH THE WEEK

You are not fighting one enemy — you are fighting three. The world is the system of values that surrounds you every day. The flesh is the ingrained pattern of thinking and responding that was formed before you came to Yeshua. The enemy is a real being who studies you and knows your weak points.

The midwives in Exodus understood something critical: When the world's system demands you participate in your own destruction, the answer is not compliance — the answer is the fear of God, which leads to worship and obedience toward the Most High.

NOTES:**BREAKOUT SESSION***Week 2 | Manipulated by the World, the Flesh, and the Devil**Total time: 60 minutes | No facilitator needed — follow the steps***HOW THIS WORKS**

There is no leader in this group — everyone follows the steps together. Each step has a time guide. Stay with the step you are on. If someone in the group needs more time on a particular step, the group can choose to continue with it. The structure serves the people, not the other way around.

The goal is not to get through all of the steps. The goal is that each person in the group leaves having done real work and no member of the group leaves feeling left behind.

Open your session with prayer. Let the Spirit guide one of you to begin.

STEP 1 LAND THE TEACHING 8–10 minutes

Someone in the group reads this aloud before anyone responds:

The teaching this week from Ephesians 2:1-3 identified three simultaneous sources of opposition to our freedom in Messiah: the world system, the flesh, and the enemy. Most of us treat every battle the same way — same strategy, same response — without stopping to identify which front is actually leading the attack at any given moment.

Take 2 minutes of silence. Let each person answer this question privately before anyone speaks:

Think about the last time you fell or struggled significantly. Which of the three fronts — world, flesh, or enemy — do you believe was leading this prior attack? Did you know the difference in the moment? Give a specific example from your own life.

My honest answer to Step 1:

Now go around the group. Let each person share his or her answer as honestly as possible. No cross-talk while someone is sharing. When everyone has spoken, move to Step 2.

STEP 2 GO DEEPER TOGETHER 20–25 minutes

This is the heart of the session. The question is harder than Step 1. It requires more honesty. Take 2 minutes of silence before anyone speaks — let each person sit with their thoughts privately first.

This tool helps you identify which of the three fronts — world, flesh, or enemy — is most actively working against you right now, and helps you discern what a targeted response looks like. Follow these steps:

Step A: Think of a specific struggle, pattern, or battle you are currently in — something you're facing now.

Step B: Work through each front in the second table. In each column, reflect: Is this front contributing to my struggle identified in Step A? If so, how? Not every front will be equally active — that is OK.

Step C: Focus on the front that seems to be leading the attack. In the third table, write one specific response from Scripture (if you can) on how God's Word instructs us to spiritually address that front.

The struggle, pattern or battle I am dealing with right now:

The World	The Flesh	The Enemy

The front leading the attack is:	How should I respond differently?

When you are ready, go around the group and let each person respond. The group listens fully before anyone else speaks. If someone in the group is particularly moved by this question — if the

Holy Spirit is clearly doing something — let the group stay with that person. Do not rush past a real moment to stay on schedule. That is what the time margin is for.

Discuss where in your life you are currently fighting a spiritual battle with a fleshly or worldly strategy — or where you are surrendering to the enemy out of fear. Where are you not using spiritual discernment? What specifically ought to change in your approach after correctly identifying the source of the attack and rightly aligning your mindset with the fear of God?

When everyone has spoken, move to Step 3.

STEP 3 THE ROOT WORK 20-25 minutes

Take 2-5 minutes to complete the Root Question Framework privately and honestly. What fronts are being used against you to distract you and keep you from victory? By pulling out the root and receiving the implanted Word of God in us, we will have the strength needed to stand against the enemy.

You can do this exercise for each of the fronts that have come up against you and learn to fear God and put Him first. Use the copy in the “Breakout Tool,” if provided, for additional space.

This is individual work first. Write it down. The act of writing forces honesty in a way that thinking alone does not.

THE ROOT QUESTION FRAMEWORK <i>Go deeper on what steps one and two surfaced.</i>	
The behavior is:	<i>What do I keep doing — or running to — that I know is not producing life?</i>
The feeling is:	<i>What does it feel like right before I go there? Shame? Fear? Emptiness? Loneliness?</i>
The lie beneath is:	<i>What must I believe about myself — or about God — for this to feel necessary?</i>
The truth is:	<i>What does God actually say about me in this place? (Use scripture if you can.)</i>

After everyone has had time to write, go around the group. Each person shares what they wrote — as much or as little as they are ready to share. The group listens. No fixing, no advising, no jumping to solutions. Just witness what each person brings.

After everyone has shared, ask this together:

GROUP REFLECTION

As a group — which of the three fronts do you think is most underestimated in your community? Which one do people most often misidentify or ignore?

PREPARE TO SHARE

When you return to the main room, your group may be asked to share. Together, decide on one thing — one insight, one moment, one declaration — that represents what happened in your group today.

Complete this sentence as a group: “We realized that we have been misidentifying _____ as _____.”

Here’s what our group is taking away (write it down so you don’t lose it):

STEP 4 CLOSING PRAYER 2-5 minutes

Allow the Spirit to lead one person to close in prayer. Then go around the group — each person may pray one sentence if they are willing. No one is required to pray. No one is skipped over without grace.

Suggested focus: Pray the Memory Anchor back to God as a declaration over your own life. Then ask Him to help you overcome the specific front you identified today.

One person closes the prayer when the group is ready.