



CORNER FRINGE MINISTRIES

FREEDOM IN MESSIAH

Leadership Guide | Week 3 | The Striving-to-Standing Audit

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01 SESSION OVERVIEW

A leaders snapshot for meeting night

Theme	Authority & Position
Core Focus	Fighting for victory rather than fighting from a victory that has already been won
Exodus	Exodus 3:1–15 — The burning bush. I AM commissions Moses from a position of covenant authority.
Memory Anchor	"I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand." — John 10:28

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 makes a foundational shift that changes the entire posture of the spiritual life: We are not fighting for victory — we are fighting from the position of Yeshua's finished victory. That distinction sounds simple but for many people it represents a complete reorientation of how they relate to God, to the enemy, and to their own failures. Watch for people who have been living with a performance orientation toward God; as though their standing is earned or maintained by their own effort. This week confronts that directly and compassionately.

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. Am I currently living as though my standing before God is secure — or as though it is contingent on my performance this week?
2. Where in my own life am I still striving for what God has already given rather than standing in what He has secured?
3. Is there an area where I have been trying to protect myself because I do not fully trust that God's hand is enough?
4. Have I let past failures define how much I believe God can use me — the way Moses almost disqualified himself?
5. *Am I leading from a sense of security in God tonight, or from a need to prove something?*

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):

- Week 3 is where the curriculum begins to move from identification to foundation-laying. The first two weeks named the problem. This week begins to establish the ground people stand on. Give it weight.
- The I AM revelation is theologically rich. Do not rush past it. The God who stands outside of time has already seen what each person in your group is facing — and He has already come down. Let that reality breathe in the room.
- Watch for the exhausted person — the one who has been trying so hard for so long that the idea of rest feels foreign. They may not express this directly. It often shows up as quiet emotion during the debrief or a comment that lands differently than others.

LEADER DEVELOPMENT | RECEIVING BEFORE REDIRECTING

This week practice a specific skill: When someone shares something painful or vulnerable, receive it fully before you say anything else. That means nodding, making eye contact, being still for a moment. The impulse to immediately offer comfort or truth is natural but it can cut off the sharing before it is complete. A person who feels truly heard will go deeper on their own. Your silence after someone shares is not awkwardness; it is an invitation.

A WORD FOR YOU: TO THE ONE DOING THE LEADING

Three weeks in. You are learning the rhythm of this — the preparation, the session, the follow-up, the prayer. That rhythm is not just logistics. It is spiritual formation. The ground you are standing on as a leader is the same ground you are inviting others to stand on. The more settled you become in your own identity and security in Yeshua, the more naturally you will create that settledness for others. You are doing something that matters. Keep going.

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	
Confusing security with passivity	Some people will hear 'you are already victorious' as permission to stop engaging. Gently distinguish: standing in victory is not doing nothing. It is fighting from a different posture — from rest rather than fear, from identity rather than performance.
Performance language in the room	Listen for phrases like 'I need to do better,' 'I keep failing God,' or 'I just need to try harder.' These are signals that the person is still operating from a performance framework. Receive the honesty and gently redirect toward the truth of their position.
Someone struggling to receive	Some people are so accustomed to yearning that receiving feels unsafe or arrogant. When you observe this, do not push. Plant the question: What would it mean for your daily life if John 10:28 were completely and unconditionally true about you right now?
Genuine relief in the room	For some people this week is the first time they have heard clearly that their standing is not contingent on their performance. That relief is real and good. Receive it. Do not immediately redirect to responsibility — let the grace land first.
Theological objections	Some people may push back on the security of salvation. Do not turn the breakout into a doctrinal debate. Acknowledge the question, hold it lightly, and bring it to Mike if it becomes a significant point of division.

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

When someone shares deep shame about past failure:

- This week may surface people who have carried a sense that their past has disqualified them from God's best.
- Receive the honesty. Do not immediately offer reassurance — let them finish.
- Point to the truth: God's response to Moses was not to fix his past. It was to commission him anyway. The pattern is consistent.

- Follow up privately if the shame seems particularly heavy.

When someone expresses doubt about God's protection:

- Do not dismiss the doubt or give a quick theological answer.
- Ask: what has happened that made trusting God's protection feel unsafe?
- That question often opens something more specific — a wound, a loss, a prayer that felt unanswered. That is the real conversation.
- Note it and follow up with Mike if appropriate.

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.

- Follow up with anyone who seemed to be carrying particular exhaustion or shame during the session.
- Note whether the group as a whole seemed more oriented toward striving or standing — that observation is useful for Mike.
- Pray specifically this week for the person who is most performance-oriented in your group.

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