



## Group Leader Guide “Healing the Land” - Revival November 29, 2020

### Group Creed

We come together as a Group with the goal of Spiritual Formation; encouraging one another to become the same kind of person that Jesus is, so that we can live out every part of our lives inside of His Kingdom.

### // Message Summary

God promises that if we humble ourselves, pray, seek His face, and turn from our wicked ways He will heal our land. Throughout the Bible, He tends to do that through His people. Healing the land starts with action on our part to be a blessing to others just as God has been a blessing to us!

### // Biblical Background

**Abram's/Abraham's Journeys:** Abraham was originally named Abram. God changed His name to Abraham in **Genesis 17:5**. He lived around 2000 BC. He was originally from a Sumerian city-state named Ur in modern-day Iraq. Eventually, he moved with his extended family to a Haran, in modern-day Turkey. Haran was an important crossroads for trade and an important commercial center. (Haran

was also the name of Abram's brother, though the Hebrew spellings are different and the words mean different things). It was from Haran that God called Abram to “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you” (**Genesis 12:1**). Abram did so and God led him to the land of Canaan, in modern-day Israel. Abram and his wife (Sarai, later changed to Sarah) also journeyed to Egypt during a famine (**Genesis 12:10**). However, they eventually went back to Canaan. A few generations later, Abraham's great-grandson, Joseph, would move the whole clan down to Egypt, setting up the events in the book of Exodus.

### // In Preparation

You did it! You made it to the end of the group semester! Thank you so much for your faithfulness this fall. You are integral to what we are doing here at Flatirons! Please take some time this winter to rest and refill yourself. If your group continues to meet, that is great, but make sure you are taking care of yourself. Leading a group can take a toll and even the highest-profile leaders in the world need time to rejuvenate. So, don't feel bad if you need to take a few weeks, or a month, or the whole off-season off. We will relaunch groups in the spring. However, I will still continue to provide group content on a weekly basis, so if your group continues to meet, you will still have this to



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help you! It may look a little different from week to week, or lighter some weeks than others, but rest assured that you will not be going it alone!  
Thanks again, and have a great Christmas and New Year!

### // **References**

Currid, John D., and David W. Chapman. *ESV Archaeology Study Bible: English Standard Version*. Crossway Books, 2017.

## Group Discussion Questions

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#### // Bible References

2 Chronicles 7:14; Genesis 12:1-3; Matthew 5:14-16; Ephesians 2:10; James 2:15-17; Exodus 19:5-6

#### // Message Screenshots

- Blessed people bless people.
- Our relationship with Jesus is personal, but not private.
- Flatirons is supposed to be a Kingdom of Pastors.

#### // Community Questions

1. How was everyone's Thanksgiving?

#### // Core Questions

1. How would you react if God asked you to leave your job, your extended family, and everything you know to go somewhere unfamiliar?
2. What is something in your life you feel is a true blessing from God?
3. On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate yourself on being a blessing to the ones closest to you? Why?
4. On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate yourself on being a blessing to people who disagree with you or those who are hard to love? Why?
5. Do you tend to give more attention to your personal relationship with God and knowledge about Him than you do to blessing those around you? Explain.
6. Describe the habits you have formed in your spiritual life (for example: “I go to church every week,” “I do Bible studies,” “I listen to Christian podcasts,” “I tithe x% of my income to church,” “I invite my friends to church,” etc.) Did the ones you listed describe a “consumer Christian?”
7. Who is someone(s) within your sphere of influence that you could be a blessing to that you haven't been previously?
8. What is one thing you can do during the month of December to be a blessing to that person or people?

#### // Challenge

Just like Ben taught us during the sermon, healing our land begins with us, the Church. Spend some time this week thinking through questions 7 and 8 and come up with a plan in which



you and/or your family could be a blessing to a person or persons in your lives. Try to think of people you wouldn't normally think of to bless. Maybe it's someone you've had run-ins with before. Maybe it's a family member you need to have a hard conversation with in order to begin healing that relationship. Or maybe it is just someone on your block you haven't met before or tend to avoid. Once you have your plan, begin to put it into action!



## Student Group Discussion Questions

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#### // Parent Resource

Sign up for an opportunity that your campus has offered for you to serve with your family. Share with your student a time when you have blessed someone and what that meant to you

#### // Discussion Questions

1. Have your parents ever said to you, “the things you do are a reflection of me”?
2. Have you had experiences with a Christian where you felt they were being judgmental, hateful, or rude?  
How did that make you feel?  
What do you wish would have gone differently?
3. Read Matthew 5:14-16. Then have a student read it.  
What stands out to you?  
What is hard for you to understand?  
What was a time that you saw someone living out this passage?
4. Have you ever been a poor reflection of Jesus to others?  
How did you make them feel?  
What do you wish you would have done differently?
5. How can you show people more of what Jesus’ love is like?  
What is one thing you can do this week to contribute healing to the people around you?

#### // Pray

Pray that God will help us be able to show people how much He loves them; help us bless others and heal our land.

#### // Leader Feedback

Please let us know how these questions went over in your group. Email your feedback to [caleb\\_flowers@flatironschurch.com](mailto:caleb_flowers@flatironschurch.com)