

LIFTING UP Leaders

Exciting news just for leaders! I am hosting a forum via ZOOM for current Healing Journey leaders! Join us Saturday, October 5, 9:30-11:00 (MST) and bring your questions. Zoom Link.

Words for the Journey

Podcast of the Week: God has something better.

2024 Leader Letter Week 4

To Healing Journey Leaders:

Most of you are soon heading into stories and beginning to prepare your students. Dickens's quote could well describe Weeks 5-7, "It was the best of times; it was the worst of times." Undoubtedly, stories are a stressful time. At the same time, it is hands-down, most frequently mentioned as students' favorite part. (Of course, these comments come after it is over!)

You can help them get through stories by being prepared. That means getting your prayer partners praying and your leadership team, too. If you are alone in your ministry—change that! Get some dedicated prayer warriors behind you! Remember, God will go before you with his power, protection, and provision, helping you and each student get their story prepared and shared.

"...but with us is the Lord our God to help us and to fight our battles" (2 Chronicles 32:8 NIV).

This is a good time to reread the front matter in your Leader Guide. By reviewing the first 40 pages of our 2023, 7th edition Leader Guide, you will become a better small group leader AND you will be better equipped to enter the 2 weeks of stories (Week 6 & 7). At the VERY LEAST, read everything in the book about stories, and watch the related segment on the Training DVD (role play #10), so you will know how to respond to their questions and concerns.

Thank you for all you are doing in this ministry to serve God's wounded children. Your service is vital and will have an effect for all eternity.

 $... \\ Relax in the Lord and enjoy the journey!$

Tip of the week:

Because of the nature and content of our small groups, it is important we debrief with our leadership team each week. The easiest thing, of course, is to just stay after class for 30 minutes and check in with each leader. But a conference call later in the week is fine too. Directions for the debriefing meeting are in both the Leader Guide and the Class Facilitator Manual. If you are working alone, then you might need to get a little creative, especially due to the confidentiality issues. Contact us if this is the case for you and we'll brainstorm some ideas.

If one of your leaders is not yet receiving this leadership letter, email us at info@hishealinglight.org.

Blessings,

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