

TIPS FOR FACILITATOR PREPARING TO LEAD A SMALL GROUP

FACILITATORS PRAY TOGETHER

Work as a team but remember that the point is responsible for what transpires in the room.

Do not yield your point unless you are Spirit led to do so.

Discourage lengthy testimonies and stories. (people disconnect) Encourage vertical prayer. As soon as possible...Interrupt, and bring focus using Scripture, Prayer, Song.

When using the chair, choose only one or two women to pray for the person seated; use co-facilitators to pray.

When things get heavy from confession, needs, grief, concerns, remind all of the Sovereignty and Sufficiency of God. Encourage the reading of Scripture by all who choose to read promises that pertain to the situation.

Always rely heavily on Scripture. We must make the choice to believe His Word or not.

Let your transitions come naturally, not manufactured. When possible facilitate out of the flow of worship.

Encourage the involvement of others to pray, sing, respond according to what is on their hearts.

Learn to WAIT and trust God. The smaller the group the less facilitation is needed...wait!!!!

Sentence prayers help to involve those who are less likely to pray out loud and helps to stifle eager participants.

Trying to copy what you have experienced in the past may not work...Spirit led vs Orchestration.

Listen for a focus or recurring theme as people pray, read and sing then follow where God leads.

Hold your agenda loosely, it's God's direction we are seeking to follow. Seek His face first and let Him lead.

Worship is the key to Spirit Led, Scripture Fed Prayer. Everything flows out of seeking God's face.

Do not be afraid to use the chair to PRAY TO THE FATHER and not as a platform to share.

Encourage participants to seek God, not the audience when praying. Redirect/reiterate to bring the focus back.

These are some practical guidelines, but really, prayer and worship cannot be sufficiently taught by principles and seminars even though they are helpful, motivating and encouraging. We learn to pray by praying. We learn to worship out of love, gratitude and reverence for the one who is worthy. THE ONLY REASON TO CONTINUE A LIFE OF PRAYER AND WORSHIP IS ... BECAUSE, HE IS WORTHY TO BE SOUGHT.