

## Breakout Mission

Equipping believers to flow in the Spirit regardless of circumstances. Whether in persecution, revival or just now in this moment, we are ready to go.

Gideon had a series of visions from 2007 to 2011 that revealed that God is going to judge our over dependence on props like instruments, buildings, equipment and organisational structures.

True worshippers worship the Father in Spirit and truth (*John 4:23*). Not there or here or with these things. No, just now, in the moment, as we are.

This does not mean that we are against instruments, buildings, equipment or organisational structure. However, the breakout experience is designed to equip the body to function without these things and in an environment led by the Holy Spirit.

## Breakout Guidelines

These guidelines were written to help you consider important principles as you learn to function under the leading of the Holy Spirit in a group setting. The facilitators are only there to help the group to be mindful of the guidelines or to step in when something goes wrong. Visit the website above for more info on our facilitators training.

**Life, Not Knowledge:** What tree are we eating from? The tree of life or tree of the knowledge of good and evil?

When we focus on what we know about Jesus, the Bible, or other things, we connect to soulish pride or empty knowledge and not to the living presence of Jesus in our midst. When we seek God for fresh revelation of what He is communicating or doing right now, we make a heart connection with His presence. Knowledge for the sake of knowledge is a distraction. But fresh revelation from God's heart brings life that transforms us. (*2 Cor 3:6; Pro 3:5; Joh 16:13; Eph 1:16-19*)

**Love, Not Self-Focus:** Are we serving ourselves or are we serving others? (*Phi 2:3-4*)

It's helpful to ask yourself: "*Does God want me to share this for the benefit of others, or is this just something I would like to say?*" If it is about you, what you know, and demonstrating your insight to others, it's not love. Love focuses on the edification of others. (*1 Cor 8:1-3, 13, 14:26; Heb 10:24-25*)

**Flow:** Are we yielding to the flow of the Holy Spirit? (*Gal 5:25 NIV*)

*The flow of the Holy Spirit* in a gathering is the harmonious back-and-forth interaction between believers when they operate in the Spirit together. (*1 Cor 14:26-40; Isa 6:1-3; Eph 5:18-19; Col 3:16*)

How do we keep the flow?

- We keep our sharing short and to the point. (*Ecc 5:2*)
  - We can remind one another of this by saying: "*That's good brother/sister.*" Letting each other know that what was shared was sufficient.
- We turn what we shared into simple prayer, praise, thanksgiving, or repentance.
  - We can remind one another to do this by saying: "*Amen, pray it in brother/sister.*" This helps us connect with God rather than just talk about Him.
- We keep our prayers short and to the point. (*Mat 6:7*)
  - Again, we can remind one another of this by saying: "*Amen! That was good brother/sister.*" Letting each other know that what was prayed was sufficient.
- We remind one another in the above ways.

- There is no shame in being helped by others. We need one another. When we participate like this it is easy to lose track of time. We also don't get offended. If it ever happens that you feel that you still needed to say something or pray something, you can trust the Holy Spirit for another opportunity.
- We feed off of each other's sharing, prayers and praises. (1 Cor 14:16-17; Isa 6:1-3; Rom 12:15-16)
  - Meaning:
    - We affirm what was prayed or shared with a simple "amen", or
    - We repeat phrases in affirmation, or
    - We add to the praises or prayers of others.
  - We yield our additional burdens to the Spirit and don't go on for too long.

The flow is broken when:

- The atmosphere stops being worshipful and prayerful.
- You share or pray more than one burden at a time and keep going for too long.
- Your prayer or sharing is dominating and others are not interacting anymore, but rather just listening. (1 Cor 12:14; 12:17-21)

Simple prayer, praise, thanksgiving, or repentance is to simply speak a few words of prayer, praise, thanksgiving, or repentance. Just thank God quickly, pray in what you shared, or repent. For example: "Lord, we ask You to teach us your ways!" Short and simple. (Mat 6:7; Phi 4:6)

Yielding additional burdens to the Spirit means giving them up and trusting that He will create another opportunity for that burden if He wants to. This opportunity might only be given at a future event or in other settings. It is not about you praying things through or sharing everything you want. It's about flowing in the Spirit and trusting Him to touch every point He wants, **through everyone**. Long prayers cause others to lose focus and disengage. This stops the flow. It's far better to **flow together**, rather than alone. (1 Pe 5:7; Pro 3:5-6)

Spiritual communion or fellowship is done when one person shares a revelation of Jesus or the Father that they received from the Holy Spirit (1 Joh 1:1-3). Others, in turn, take this revelation and put it in their mouths. Spiritual eating is when one speaks the Word, to "taste and see that the Lord is good (Psa 34:8)". There is something supernatural that happens when we commune together like this in the Spirit.

**Introverts:** We don't expect introverts to become extroverts. But challenge yourself to share when the Holy Spirit lays something on your heart (1 Cor 12:7). However, a little amen under your breath is also good enough.

**It's Good to Process Before You Share:** It helps to process what you want to say before you say it (Jam 1:19). It helps you to not unnecessarily repeat yourself.

**Acapella:** We want to flow with the songs in acapella. We have found that what works best is to cut the instrumental parts and to let our voices keep the rhythm. We have seen that keeping the rhythm by tapping your foot might cause confusion. Trust that the strong singers will keep the rhythm or simply drop the song if it isn't working. There is no shame when we just continue with something else.

**We Want to Yield Rather than Drive:** We want to sense the flow of the Holy Spirit among us; we don't want to drive the flow by forcing things into a direction. If we are the ones making things happen, then the Holy Spirit isn't. (Zec 4:6)

**Please Take Initiative:** Don't hold back when the Holy Spirit lays something on your heart, it is within the boundaries of His flow, and it is scriptural.

**The Anointing:** Are you sensitive to the anointing?

Just because it was anointed last time, doesn't mean it will be anointed this time. If God doesn't anoint a song or what we are sharing or doing, we should let it go. Also, if others are not engaging with a song or what you are doing, simply let it go. Let the Anointing teach you. (1 Joh 2:27)

**Heart Talk:** Usually near the end of the session, the Holy Spirit will allow us to go a bit more into discussion. Because we have been stewarding the flow, we can now be trusted to talk from the heart and full of the Holy Spirit. We shouldn't use this as an opportunity to share knowledge though.

**Managing Expectations:** We are not putting on a performance or a show. If the flow doesn't come together as we expected, we trust the Holy Spirit and enjoy what is. We need to learn to focus on God's presence regardless of circumstances. Can you still enjoy God even if things don't flow so well? This is often a test to see if we care more about the inward than the outward. (Hab 3:17-18)

**A Word to Worship Leaders.** What is your role in a breakout worship setting? You are really valuable as a worship servant. When others are struggling to hit the right notes or struggling to remember how to sing the song, you can raise your voice and serve others in this way.

It's good if you stay conscious of how your singing affects others. You shouldn't get so carried away that you don't notice when others in the group are struggling to match the notes you are singing. This is not a problem when there are many people who can sing in different vocal ranges, but it can be if there are very few skilled singers present in the group.

**A Word to Leaders in General.** What do you think is more valuable to God and for the development of the body of Christ? You being led by the Holy Spirit and leading others in your limited capacity as a human being or everyone being led by the Holy Spirit and everyone taking initiative and contributing their input? The latter might at times be messier, but it ultimately equips more people in the long run.

Some leaders have shared their concern that people might share irrelevant things or even unbiblical things. I can assure you, that if you have properly laid down the foundation of these guidelines, this rarely happens. But what do you do if it does happen?

If someone shares a view you don't agree with, you have to assess how serious this is. If it's not that serious you might want to let it slide. If you feel it is an essential issue, then simply correct it in love and gentleness. You can say something like: "Thank you sister/brother for sharing this, but I/we have a different view. Can we maybe discuss this afterwards? Or, I/we believe xyz. If you or anyone else have questions about this, lets discuss this afterwards.

Why is it better to do it this way? Because this is how Paul tells us to handle such situations (1 Cor 14:29-32) and you never know how many other people holds that view. You might even find it necessary to change this into a teaching topic in the future.

Rather than control these gatherings, You should assume the role of a facilitator who helps equip the body to function under the leading of the Holy Spirit (Eph 4:11-13), help the group to be mindful of the guidelines, and only step in when something goes seriously wrong. Visit the website below for more info on our facilitators training.



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