

# Tips from the Master

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Have you ever had a time when you went for a job interview and the representative whose role was to introduce you to the interviewer stay? Picture that for just a moment. Seems odd. Their primary role at that moment was to introduce your arrival, but they overstayed. The representative did not have the authority to determine the outcome, yet they thought their presence and their voice took precedence over both you and the interviewer.

2 Corinthians 5:17-19 NKJV, states Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Sometimes, as Facilitators, we grapple with the Participatory method and what it means to fully embrace the model. Often, it is well-meaning, after all, we teach, lead, instruct, mentor, preach, and disciple many that are under our tutelage in various other capacities.

Yet, verse 17 reminds us that if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, old things have passed away; behold all things have become new. In verse 18, it pleased God to accept the life of Jesus Christ for the sole purpose of reconciling us back to the Father.

As Facilitators, we have the awesome and trustworthy privilege of being ambassadors of Christ, and ministers of reconciliation. We just need to make the introduction. We need to provide an environment for our participants to be seated in the presence of the Lord.

If you find yourselves grappling with the Participatory model because you are new to Facilitation or because you wear many hats, let this picture be a reminder today, do not stay in the interview. We do not have the authority to determine the outcome.



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God is well able to dialogue with those that come to HIM about life and the many circumstances they face. He is well able to convey to them that HE is worthy of their trust. He is a redeemer, a way maker, a restorer, and our refuge. In 1 Corinthians 3:6 Paul reminds us that some plant the seed and some water the seed, but God gives the increase. Believe it!

Here are a few tips, create an environment where the Holy Spirit can reign and simply seat your Healing Group Participants at the feet of their Master, King Jesus! We do not have the authority to determine the outcome, but we can allow space, and opportunity for each participant to have a face-to-face encounter with Jesus. It is their interview.

## 3 TIPS TO CREATE A HOLY SPIRIT ENVIRONMENT

### Ask

Don't fill the space with unnecessary added words.

### Listen

Be comfortable with silence.

### Add

Discern by Holy Spirit the critical points at that moment for that group.



*Just as Christ made you a new creation, HE is well able to accomplish that great work in everyone HE brings to your healing group.*

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