

Small Group Facilitator Guide for the Battle Intro Event

The Atmosphere We Want to Create

As a small group facilitator, please seek to create a welcoming, low-pressure environment for your guests and facilitate small group discussions based on reflections as noted in the outline below.

The key to this event is **stories from people's lives, shared authentically**. We asked our speakers not to try to sell the Battle for the Heart process but rather to simply be open and honest about their initial reservations and skepticism and to share about how God met them there and impacted them through whichever reality they are presenting. Please keep this in mind as you lead your small group discussions.

You will not share your story as the speakers do, but in your small group you have the opportunity to create an environment that supports our speakers' objectives. Model openness and vulnerability, and create an atmosphere of safety. Don't worry about trying to sell the Battle process; simply give them a taste of it.

Please begin by meeting and greeting participants in the first reflection. In the first small group session, lead and let them begin to get to know you (if they don't already), they will grow more comfortable joining your small group and later opening up in discussions.

Battle Intro Event Outline for Small Group Facilitators

I. Welcome and Introduction to the Battle Process.

II. The Four Realities.

- A. Lord of the Rings Trailer, reflection (in the main room) and partner discussions (in breakout room).

Small Group Discussion: (10 min TOTAL)< 7 minutes for reflection + 3 min for bathroom break (if needed)

- **Small Group Facilitator: Facilitate discussions on:**
 - **Introduce themselves and answer reflection in handout**

- B. Testimonies on 4 Realities

- a. Introduction of speakers
- b. Reality 1 Testimony –
- c. Reality 2 Testimony –
- d. Reality 3 & Pose Testimony –
- e. Reality 4 –

Small Group Discussion: (10 min TOTAL)

- **Small Group Facilitator: Facilitate discussions on:**
 - **As you experience these 4 Realities and Testimonies what was most significant to you?**

III. Closing and Q & A

- A. Brief Explanation of Battle process, pricing and logistics
- B. Clarifying what's at stake reflection
- C. Evaluations reminder/ Prayer/ DISMISS to small group discussion when finished
- D. **Small Group Discussion: (Participants are dismissed when finished)**

- **Small Group Facilitator: Facilitate discussions on:**
 - **What was this event like for you? What feelings and desires were touched?**

IV. Participants can come back to large group to ask questions if needed.