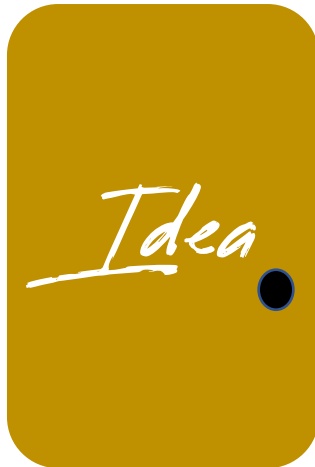


Open Door Flow Chart:

Recognizing the open doors and learning to ask and listen to God for His direction.



- Who is this for?
- What's the purpose of this session?
- What would be needed to make this session happen?
- Is there someone we should partner with?



- Lord, what do you want to give this group?
- What do they need?
- Lord, how do you want to give it to them?
- What is available to use? (space, materials, time, etc)



- Does the group have a vision/ mission/ theme/ goal?
- How can we coem alongside this goal?
- Lord, what is your heart for this time?
- How can we help people connect to Your heart during this event/ time?

We don't always see the full picture or concept when art ministry doors present themselves. So let's look at which doors are already open! It can often begin with a simple idea for a session, a request to be present at an event or date or a specific group of people that have a desire to connect with Jesus creatively. Since we rarely start from the same place of brainstorming each time, it's important to learn to recognize where the Lord has already gone before us to prepare the way. Sometimes He tells us exactly what a creative time will look like, and other times He wants us to know every little so that we stay flexible and present to what the Holy Spirit wants to do in hearts.

Each one of these "doors" represents a starting place from which to begin to ask questions of Jesus to help us best serve others in art ministry. This is not an exact format to follow, but rather an example of questions to ask Jesus based on where you are beginning. Keep in mind this is also not purely "brainstorming" but genuinely asking these questions of the Holy Spirit, then being still and listening for an answer. That might come in the form of an idea that pops into your head, it could look like a song that you keep singing, someone's face that you can't get out of your mind, or a Scripture that seems to tie things together. Pay attention and take notes. Collaborate with someone else to see where ideas in prayer overlap or work with each other. Not all ideas that come mean you use it, but brainstorming with the Lord often just looks like letting go of control. You might walk away with a completely planned time at the end, or you could just find deep peace that with the supplies you already have, Jesus will show you each step of the way. Don't be afraid to not know.

In general, here are a few other questions that are always helpful to ask:

- Is there a Scripture that would give this time sustenance and structure?
- Are there specific people who need to be there? (that I should reach out to)
- What supplies do we need?
- Is there a location that would be best for this time?
- Are there songs that we should play that will be healing or unlock things?
- Does the order matter that we do things in? And if so- what is it?
- Is there anyone that can be praying for this time?
- Are there already resources that could help me plan this?
- Am I overcomplicating things? Is there a simpler way?
- What do I need to know in advance?
- Should this time have a time limit?
- Has the way I've set this up limited access to people that need it?
- Lord, what is your desire for this time for : (the participants? For me? For us?)
- What matters the most?