

HOW TO WRITE THE PRESENTATION

The DIALOGUE QUESTIONS listed in each talk are for written reflection and dialogue by the presenting couple. Allow enough time to do a thorough job. Once this is done the OUTLINE FOR PRESENTATION will serve as a guideline for putting the feelings and thoughts expressed in answering the questions into an honest and open presentation. Twenty minutes is a good time length to work toward.

Make sure there are feeling words and concrete examples in the talk. If there is something you simply can't share at this time, work with the other questions or something that might occur to you because of the topic. These are only guidelines meant to help you look at your vivencia. Use personal pronouns, I, we, etc., and avoid lecturing or teaching. Again, it is the personal experience of what you learned or perceived that is valid in this type of talk.

We, the Image Training Team for Milwaukee Marriage Encounter, will go on record as saying the greatest personal growth takes place when we take on a topic that is somewhat "touchy". We promise growth in confidence and in other areas of your married life as you become a presenting couple.

HDIF - How do I feel?

HDIFAT - How do I feel about that?

HDTMMF - How does that make me feel?

GOD IN OUR HOME

PURPOSE: To discuss how and where we see God in our home.

DIALOGUE QUESTIONS BEFORE WRITING PRESENTATION:

Before preparing your presentation, answer the following questions in writing and then dialogue on them.

1. Do I believe in God?
2. Who is God for me? The Father? Jesus Christ? The Holy Spirit? Other?
3. Do I allow God into our home? If not, why not?
4. If I allow God into our home and my relationships, how do I accomplish that?
 - a. Through prayer?
 - b. Through scripture readings?
 - c. Through ritual?
 - d. Through the church community?
 - e. Through other means?
5. How do I see God in my family?
6. Do I only know God in time of trouble? In time of need? When my life is going well?
7. How do I share God with my spouse and children?
8. Do I find it easy to talk to God?
9. Do I find it easy to talk about God?
10. Do I choose God as a conscious part of my life or is He just a "Good Habit"?

TELEPHONE QUESTION FOR COUPLES:

Ask them to dialogue on question number two.

OUTLINE FOR PRESENTATION:

Suggested time for your presentation is twenty minutes.

I Introduction

State the purpose of the talk as given above.

II Body

- A. Who is God for me?
- B. How do I see God or relate to Him? HDTMMF?
- C. Show various ways you bring God into your home:
 - 1. Daily life
 - 2. Magazines
 - 3. Church
 - 4. Education
- D. Share examples of God's love in your home and in your lives.
- E. What specifically could we do, as a couple, to bring God into our home more often? Example: read the bible together, pray as a couple.

III Conclusion

What have I learned about God's presence in our home while writing this talk?

SHARING QUESTION FOR THE MEETING (BEFORE PRESENTATION):

Who is God for me?

DIALOGUE QUESTIONS FOR THE MEETING (AFTER PRESENTATION):

Do I see God in our home? HDTMMF?

SCRIPTURE READING:

First Letter of John 5:11,12 Depending on your definition of God, you may want to choose another reading that will better suit your talk.)