

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?

INDEPENDENT/DEPENDENCY

PURPOSE: To show how our independence and dependency are inter-related.

DIALOGUE QUESTIONS BEFORE WRITING PRESENTATION:

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

1. What does independence mean to me? Do we agree on what independence is?
2. What attitudes from my childhood affect my independence/dependency?
3. Do I think that you are too independent?
4. Do I hamper your independence? If so, how?
5. Do I think you hamper, or have hampered, my independence? If so, in what way?
6. HDIF when one of us wants to grow and the other doesn't?
7. In what ways am I overly dependent upon you? Is that unhealthy?
8. Do I allow you to grow, or do I stifle you?
9. How does your being away affect my independence?
10. Do I have your permission to grow in my independence?
11. How can I help you become more independent?
12. Does my employment keep you dependent on me?
HDTMMF?

TELEPHONE QUESTION FOR COUPLES:

Ask them to dialogue on question number eight.

OUTLINE FOR PRESENTATION:

Suggested time for your presentation is twenty minutes.

I Introduction

- A. State the purpose of the talk as given above.

B. Give the definition of independence/dependency.

II Body

- A. How dependent or independent was I in my early life?
- B. How has my independence/dependency harmed or enhanced our relationship?
1. Do I allow you to grow or do I stifle you?
 2. Do I see a need for change? HDTMMF?
- C. Has my relationship with God been affected by my attitude toward dependency? HDTMMF?

III Conclusion

How have I grown in the discovery of myself through writing this talk?

SHARING QUESTION FOR THE MEETING (BEFORE PRESENTATION):

What does independence mean to me?

DIALOGUE QUESTION FOR THE MEETING (AFTER PRESENTATION):

Do I have your permission to grow in my independence?

REFLECTION:

Serenity Prayer