

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?

Retrouvaille

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER IN THE REAL WORLD - HOW DOES IT WORK?

PURPOSE: To examine how the principles of Marriage Encounter apply in our daily lives and how we use them in our Christian commitment to others.

DIALOGUE QUESTIONS BEFORE WRITING PRESENTATION:

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

1. What principles from M.E. impressed me the most? Why?
2. Do I try to apply these principles or just fondly remember them?
3. What kind of response do I get from my spouse and family when using these principles? HDTMMF?
4. Does our Image Group or do we, as a couple, hoard or share our M.E. experience?
5. What are some of the burdens I have had to bear by taking M.E. into our neighborhood and/or work situation? HDTMMF?
6. What are some of the feelings of joy I have experienced by taking M.E. into the community?
7. Do I think I am doing the Lord's work when I reach out with M.E.? Why/why not?
8. How does getting in touch with my feelings affect me when dealing with my co-workers compared to dealing with my children? Do I use a double standard?
9. Do I use the same Christian principles in my work situation as I do at home? Be specific. Give an example.
- ~~10. If my feelings conflict with my Christian teachings, how do I handle that?~~
11. Describe how I use what I've gained from M.E. in order to reach out to neighbors and strangers.
12. HDIF when I try to apply the M.E. principles and they are not well received by family, friends, co-workers, strangers?

TELEPHONE QUESTIONS FOR COUPLES:

Do I think ~~Marriage Encounter~~ ^{Retravalle} and the "Real World" are the same? Why/why not? HDIFAT?

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. Write on all of the above questions and choose answers that best fit your ideas about ~~M.E.~~ vs. the "Real World".
- B. Choose some principles or ideas from ~~M.E.~~ experiences that positively affect your relationship.
- C. Relate how much growth or lack of growth you've made through ~~M.E.~~ Give personal examples.
- D. If applicable, choose an example from each of the following areas: family, relatives, neighbors, job situation.

III Conclusion

What have I learned about my attitudes toward Marriage Encounter and the "Real World"? What kind of commitment am I making for the future?

SHARING QUESTION FOR THE MEETING (BEFORE PRESENTATION):

What are my present feelings about being involved in M.E. and Image?

DIALOGUE QUESTION FOR THE MEETING (AFTER PRESENTATION):

How can we, as individuals and as a couple, make better use of our Marriage Encounter experiences in the "Real World"?

SCRIPTURE READING:

Matthew 25:34-40