

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?

UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

PURPOSE: To determine the extent of our unconditional love.

DIALOGUE QUESTIONS BEFORE WRITING PRESENTATION:

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

We used the following definition of unconditional love as a basis for our talk:

Unconditional love is to love no matter what, to love with no strings attached. John Powell describes it as follows: "...love is either conditional or unconditional. Either I attach conditions to my love for you or I do not. To the extent that I do attach such conditions, I do not really love you. I am only offering an exchange, not a gift. And true love is and must always be a free gift." Unconditional Love, Chapter Three.

1. What does unconditional love mean to me? HDIF about the concept of unconditional love?
2. Who do I love unconditionally? Spouse, children, parents, brothers, sisters, co-workers, etc.
3. When/why do I love unconditionally?
4. Describe the effort I make to love unconditionally. Am I satisfied with my effort?
5. What are some obstacles that might make it difficult for me to love unconditionally?
6. Do I consciously strive toward loving unconditionally? Why or why not?
7. When have I felt loved unconditionally?
8. When someone says that unconditional love ought to be a goal for me, I feel.....
9. What happens to me when I love unconditionally?

TELEPHONE QUESTION FOR COUPLES:

Ask them to dialogue on question number one.

OUTLINE FOR PRESENTATION:

Suggested time for your presentation is twenty minutes.

I Introduction

- A. State the purpose of the talk as given above.
- B. Define unconditional love.

II Body

- A. Describe the feelings that surface within you when you hear the term unconditional love.
- B. Relate the ways you do/do not love unconditionally. How do you feel about your situation?
- C. Examine whether you perceive unconditional love as a realistic, achievable goal for yourself. Share your feelings about your answers.

III Conclusion

Tell how unconditional love has affected you, both as a giver and as a receiver.

SHARING QUESTION FOR THE MEETING (BEFORE PRESENTATION):

What does unconditional love mean to me?

DIALOGUE QUESTIONS FOR THE MEETING (AFTER PRESENTATION):

When and why do I love unconditionally? HDTMMF?

SCRIPTURE READING:

I Corinthians 13:4-7