

Marriage Encounter Check List

Preparation: What to do and pack.

- There are some scriptures we recommend to read together daily as we go into the weekend.
 - Matthew 19:6; Col. 3:12; Matt. 19:5; and Cor. 13—the entire chapter.
- Couples Challenge:**
 - Schedule a dinner date during the week leading up to the encounter. Talking points: reflect on the qualities that contribute to the strength of your marriage, and express gratitude by naming three things you appreciate about your spouse.
 - Exchange romantic texts on at least one day.
 - **Date night idea: Paint a canvas together** that describes your marriage! Bring your canvas to show off what you created. **You will get your name in a drawing if you participate.**
- We would love to have many door prizes. If you have a connection with a business or have something you want to donate, please reach out to us at 302-315-3557.
- Optional: Decorate your table! All tables will have a tablecloth, pen, and paper pad. Go as big or small as you would like. For example, photos of you two, important memories from your wedding, etc.
- Take the Love Language Quiz online by visiting 5lovelanguages.com! Make sure you know each other, because that is all you will speak all weekend. Over the years, you may change. It's always fun to do it again.
- Optional: Saturday is Twinning Day. You choose... Make it fun. Costumes, t-shirts, or just dress alike.
- Water Baptisms: There will be water baptism available at the end of the Friday night session. Please text 302-315-3557 if you would like to participate.
- Bring a notebook and your bible to take lots of notes.
- We will renew our vows to each other on Saturday. Men will be inspired to write a song for their bride, and ladies, you can write a poem for your guy. (Cards will be provided.) If gifts are your love language, then pick up something special to give each other at this time.
- We're so excited to join together with everyone this weekend. Take time to fast and pray for your marriage and so many others before you come. God is going to be doing BIG things.

Hotel Information + Amenities

1. Hotel Address: 100 Heron Blvd Cambridge, MD 21613
2. Hotel room check-in is at 4:00pm and check-out is at 11:00am.
3. **You will need a card to hold any other charges or incidentals that may apply to your room.**
4. On property, there is an indoor pool, hot tub, exercise room, and game room for you to enjoy.

Encounter Information

1. **Dress code:** Friday night is snappy casual to semi-formal—your choice! Saturday dress is casual. Remember you can twin with your spouse on Saturday.
2. The meeting room will open at 5:00 p.m. for you to come and pick your table for the weekend if you would like. Find your name card in the lobby and place it on your reserved table. This is also a great time you can decorate your table. We kindly ask you not to save tables for other couples.
3. If you ordered desserts, you can pick them up at the registration booth outside the meeting room Friday evening.
4. **Dinner:** Plan ahead! All meals will be on your own. There are restaurants at the hotel and local eateries in Cambridge that are very good. We recommend you get reservations on Friday night before our first session at 7:00p.m.
5. **What you will get:**
 - A folder with challenges and activities for the weekend.
 - 2 Complimentary mugs.
 - Capture memories: We will provide a photo wall throughout the weekend, so you can grab a cute photo to remember this weekend.
 - A long-stemmed rose for the men to pick out for their wives.
6. **Schedule:**

Ballroom Opens: 5:00 p.m.

Friday Evening Starts: 7:00 p.m.

Saturday Morning : 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Lunch Break

Saturday Afternoon: 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.