



## **I. INTRODUCTION (10 minutes)**

Pray briefly for the couples.

## **II. SHARING SESSION (88 minutes)**

### **A. Ask what they wrote in answer to the question at the bottom of page 36 in the handbook (3 minutes).**

1. Call on people who wrote answers in the handbook.
2. Briefly and positively affirm each answer.

### **B. Tell about the three chairs on the side (3 minutes).**

1. Introduce the person from the first chair; others slide down; someone fills in the last chair.
2. Allow them to come as volunteers—volunteer them if you need to.
3. Have them answer questions on page 47 in the handbook.
4. Encourage them not to read answers from the page but to talk freely.
5. Explain again how applause gives affirmation and support.
6. Remind them to use page 49 in the handbook for the group encouragement time.

### **C. Start the group sharing (81 minutes).**

1. You and your assistant go first—be open and answer each properly, not using notes.
2. Fill your sharing chairs.
3. Introduce the first sharer.
4. Applaud after each sharer.
5. Affirm each sharer in turn.
6. Introduce each new sharer in turn.
7. Do this until everyone has shared and been affirmed.

### **D. Recap and vote for the person showing the most honesty and transparency in examining themselves and sharing with the group (3 minutes).**

1. No one votes until the recap concludes.
2. The assistant collects the votes.
  - a. No one ever hears there was a tie.
  - b. The assistant breaks ties for first or third place and fills in the card or book.
4. Dismiss the group to their break.

## **II. BREAK (15 minutes)**

## **IV. FINAL SESSION (30 minutes)**

### **A. Present the award to the recipient (2 minutes).**

1. Ask the three honorees to stand one at a time and applaud for each.
2. Make sure all sit down before presenting the award.
3. Have the award recipient thank the group and pass around the book.

### **B. Explain next week's homework (1 minute)—refer to page 50 in the handbook.**

### **C. Group affirmation (10 minutes)**

1. Give everyone 30 seconds to select one person who touched him or her, and thank the person for his or her message, attitude, example, or encouragement.
2. Remind everyone to confer with his or her Prayer Notes.
3. Keep time on each person to avoid going over time.
4. If your time runs out before the entire group has an opportunity to affirm another, stop the activity anyway.



**V. CONCLUSION (5 minutes)**

- A. “What did you learn tonight?”
- B. Give a brief, encouraging pep talk.
- C. Closing prayer (Ask the couples to pray for themselves, then for one other couple in the class they feel especially needs prayers.)

**CLASS PREPARATION CHECKLIST:**

- A. Listen to “Facilitator Skills” and “Session 6” messages on the Facilitator audio messages.
- B. Pray for each couple by name; pray for God to use you.
- C. Prepare the name tags.
- D. Bring an award to class.
- E. Bring extra pens.
- F. Bring a box of facial tissue.
- G. Bring ballots to class.
- H. Make sure the refreshments are coming.

**CLASSROOM SET-UP CHECKLIST:**

- A. Arrange room furniture for classroom set-up.
- B. Eliminate outside viewing of the classroom.
- C. Put “Do Not Enter” signs on all doors to the classroom.
- D. Write the sharing session questions on the board (see page 47 in the student handbook).