



Date Night Challenge Hosting Helpsheet

Thank you for hosting the Date Night Challenge and joining Focus on the Family in strengthening marriages worldwide! We know you want your event to be a success, so we've created this helpful tip sheet to equip you with all you need to host the best Date Night ever!

Helpful Hints for Preparation

- 1. Preview the DVD.** Once you know the program, you'll be better prepared to organize your night. Find logical stopping points for things such as dinner, icebreakers and more!
- 2. Create atmosphere.** Give couples a real dating experience. If you choose romantic, set candlelit tables; if you choose fun, create activities to engage the audience.
- 3. Provide childcare.** Give couples peace of mind (and peace of budget) by offering free childcare during your event. You can even provide your volunteers with great date night themed activities. Check out FocusOnTheFamily.com/DateNight.
- 4. Advertise!** No one will know about your Date Night if you don't tell them about it. You'll find everything that you need at FocusOnTheFamily.com/DateNight.
- 5. Free or charge?** You are free to determine if you want to host a free event or if you want to charge. Keep in mind that a lower cost will help you help more couples.
- 6. Know your audience.** Whether it's formal or casual, create and host an event that everyone will enjoy by tailoring it to your congregation.

Help for Hosting

- 1. Have a live host!** Do you know a beloved pastor or church member that makes everyone laugh? Invite them to host. They'll help keep the event rolling—and entertaining.
- 2. Interact.** Let your couples know that it's okay to interact with the DVD. They can laugh with the crowd and applaud the speakers. Remember, it's not a movie screening, it's a fun evening out!
- 3. Icebreakers!** Encourage couples to interact and get to know one another. Use your tabletop icebreakers, create fun games, and help your couples relax and engage.

Remember, no one knows your church community better than you. Use your imagination and create an event that everyone will enjoy. Thank you, again, for partnering with Focus on the Family. We're excited for you as you take this opportunity to help marriages in your church thrive!