

“An Encounter with Christ in Community”

(Formally known as the Internship)

GRACE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL MARIETTA, GEORGIA

The Encounter is a training program we have carefully planned to help participants deepen their experience of knowing Christ as Life, as well as to equip them to effectively communicate this truth. The program offers both an opportunity to experience a deeper relationship with Christ (personal transformation) as well as training and equipping for ministry. The program includes:

- More than 60 hours in lectures taught personally by our qualified staff
- Viewing over 30 hours of videos and listening to 40 hours of audios taught by nationally known teachers
- Personal mentoring by one of our staff
- Co-Discipling sessions supervised by our GMI staff

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

There are other aspects to the training that require considerable commitment. These include:

- Writing a personalized reflection paper on the Exchanged Life
- Completing a required reading list of books
- Completing a final exam
- Completing journal assignments

THE CURRICULUM

The Encounter curriculum covers a wide range of topics, and each session is taught by a different staff person. Topics include:

- A study of Romans chapters 5,6,7 and 8
- Your Biblical identity, Concept of God, Centrality of the Cross, Intimacy with God
- Law and Grace, Security, Suffering, Total Surrender
- Forgiveness, Growing Free, Co-dependency, Guilt and Shame
- Healthy Relationships, Marriage, Sexual Abuse, Sexual Maladjustment
- Listening, Intimacy with God, Spiritual Disciplines
- The Grace Life Workshop
- The Discipleship Process

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Christian leaders and lay people are all welcome. The following criteria need to be met in order to be considered as a participant:

- Completion of a Grace Life Conference
- Completion of a Grace Life Workshop
- Application Form with three references
- Completion of a Taylor Johnson Temperament Analysis
- Personal interview

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Upon acceptance into the Encounter, there are certain responsibilities each participant must be aware of:

- While there is a small library available to the participants, it is highly desirable that each participant purchase their own books from the Required Reading List.
- Each out of town participant is responsible for arranging lodging and meals during the Encounter. If we are aware of any resources for housing, we will be pleased to make suggestions or attempt to facilitate arrangements. However, we cannot take responsibility for working out the details or for guaranteeing the outcome of any such arrangements.

THE COST

The application fee is \$25.00 (non-refundable). The cost of the Encounter is \$2,200.00.

THREE FORMATS FOR THE ENCOUNTER

- **Monthly** – The program covers an 11-month period with classes meeting 1 weekend a month for 11 weekends (Weekend being defined as Thursday and Friday evening from 6:30-9:30 and Saturday from 9:00-5:00). Fee is payable on a monthly basis. Classes begin in August.
- **Weekly** – The class meets weekly on Tuesday evenings for 11 months from 6:30 – 9:30. Fee is payable on a monthly basis. Classes begin in January.
- **Daily** - The class meets daily for 8 weeks from 9:00 – 5:00. Fee is due prior to the beginning of the session. Classes begin in June.

CERTIFICATION AND ACCREDITATION

All Members of the Association of Exchanged Life Ministries (AELM) recognize The Encounter of Grace Ministries International as formalized training of individuals who are interested in sharing the Exchanged Life on a deeper level.

Completion of The Encounter does NOT qualify one as a licensed counselor.

For more information or to request an application, please call, write, email or visit our website.

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