



Gloriosa Emmaus Community will host their first Face to Face Encounter during September 2017.

WHAT IS FACE TO FACE

It is an experience in the Emmaus tradition for adults aged 60 and older who may have experienced the loss of a spouse or other loss and for those facing end of life issues. Because of their health and energy levels, they require a longer schedule than three days and shorter sessions than is typical of an Emmaus Walk.

It is a short course in Christianity that will help them to become more effective disciples of Jesus Christ and actively engage in God's Mission in the world. This adapted model presents the basic theological and biblical content of Emmaus Walks. The Face to Face model is tailored to meet senior men and women on their own terms. The amended model will offer multiple surprises, strengths and delights to older adults.

The model has been authorised by the Upper Room Ministries who also compiled programmes such as, "*The Walk to Emmaus*" and "*Chrysalis Flights*" for the youth and younger adults.

Face to Face is portable and co-ed. It can be presented in retirement villages, old age homes and churches. The overarching theme of an Encounter is, "***Living in Grace.***"

WHAT CAN PILGRIMS EXPECT?

They will:

- Hear fourteen (14) spiritual talks presented by different speakers over the course of 4 sessions
- Participate in Holy Communion
- Enjoy in-depth table discussions with people their age
- Covering topics such as God's grace and love, discipleship, coping in tough times, grief and end-of-life issues
- Experience God's grace personally through prayer and service
- Understand more fully the presence of Christ in the body of believers
- Be exposed to systematic theology, tasty refreshments, lots of laughs and several surprising personal encounters and memorable spiritual breakthroughs. They will also worship, sing, joke with one another and experience an avalanche of God's grace.

DURATION OF AN ENCOUNTER

A Face to Face Encounter takes place over a period of two weeks – two sessions each week, being the Tuesday and Thursday of each week from 08:30 until 15:45 . The sessions will offer exciting and hospitable opportunities for Christian learning.

FEATURES THAT ARE UNIQUE TO FACE TO FACE

- Face to Face has Encounters; Emmaus has Walks
- Face to Face has Next Days; Emmaus has Fourth Days
- Participants are pilgrims in both Face to Face and Emmaus
- There are 14 talks not 15 with a new talk entitled, “Coping in Tough Times” and the said talk focusing on challenges experienced by Pilgrims of the said age group.
- The fees for Face to Face are much lower
- Face to Face is a complete spiritual experience in the spirit of the Walk to Emmaus.
- Face to Face is not to be compared to an Emmaus Walk. It is not a second-rate experience. Pilgrims on a Face to Face Encounter will experience a spiritually enriching experience.

DATES FOR ENCOUNTER 105

The dates for Encounter 105 are: 12, 14, 19 and 21 September 2017. It will be held at the Midstream Methodist Church.

You are invited to prayerfully consider inviting a senior to attend the Encounter and experience the spiritual enrichment and God’s love and grace that you have experienced on your walk.

Application forms to attend an Encounter are available on the Gloriosa Community website: www.gloriosa.org.za

Blessings,

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