

Doorway to Discovery Retreat—What to Expect



Doorway to Discovery Retreats are designed to create an environment where participants can give their undivided attention to growing in their relationship with God. In a formatted mix of worship, prayer, teaching, reflection, and extended periods of silence, retreatants have the opportunity to rid themselves of daily distractions, reflect on the truth of God's Word, and consider their current situation in life. It is a time to discover more about God, what it means to believe in Jesus Christ, and how to live the fullness of life God desires for each of us.

The retreat is "guided," meaning the retreat director introduces a topic to be considered, suggests several texts for meditation and prayer, and provides questions for reflection and application. The retreat themes move around 12 short meditations. Topics include our role in the created order, the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, the Kingdom of God, the call of Christ the King, living the Beatitudes, and the Great Commission mandate to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Immediately following each session, participants can walk the grounds, use the prayer chapel, or return to their room to meditate upon the assigned texts and pray through any personal application. Reflections may be recorded in a personal journal for follow-up after the retreat.

St. Benedict Center, a retreat and conference center, is built on 160 acres of farmland across the road from Christ the King Priory in Schuyler.

The retreat center has many peaceful and quiet spaces. There is a solarium with a fireplace and small library. There is also a large park and a lake on the east side of the property. Retreatants can walk around the lake in all seasons and enjoy trees, bushes, and flowers kept up meticulously to make the outside environment inviting. It is conducive to prayer and meditation for those who like to be close to nature.

The large chapel can accommodate about 300 people. There is also a separate Adoration Chapel for private, silent prayer for those who want to be alone with the Lord.

There are private bathrooms in each room. Forty of the 60 guestrooms are double rooms, each with two twin beds.



Thursday Night

6:15 p.m. Dinner
7:45 p.m. Session 1

Friday

7:30 a.m. Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Session 2
10:00 a.m. Session 3
12:15 p.m. Lunch and Rest Period
1:45 p.m. Rest Period ends
2:00 p.m. Session 4
3:30 p.m. Session 5
5:00 p.m. Worship Service with Communion
6:15 p.m. Dinner
7:30 p.m. Session 6: Summary and Review

Saturday

7:30 a.m. Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Session 7
10:00 a.m. Session 8
12:15 p.m. Lunch and Rest Period
1:45 p.m. Rest Period ends
2:00 p.m. Session 9
3:30 p.m. Session 10
5:00 p.m. Worship Service with Communion
6:15 p.m. Dinner
7:30 p.m. Session 11: Summary and Review

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Breakfast
8:45 a.m. Sunday Service
10:00 a.m. Session 12
11:30 a.m. Sharing and Testimonies
12:15 p.m. Lunch and Time to Pack Up