

SoulMate Screening Tips

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We are pleased that you are interested in sharing your 'SoulMate' experience with one or more people. We strongly feel this is an eye opening experience for all person's - men, women, married couples, elders, singles, separated, divorced and widowed. Thank You.

Our commitment to SERVE our family, friends and community we take seriously. Once upon a time we gathered together in huts, in the fields, in churches, homes and wherever we could to discuss and share information relevant to our community. We are pleased to once again gather our family, friends and community to discuss this important issue, like we used to do.

Two important things to consider before you begin

1) **SERVICE.** Above all have an attitude of "SERVICE"

It is not about you (us). It is about the awareness, sharing, healing and truth of issues affecting our community. In hosting and delivering we are in SERVICE to our guests. In all things be joyful and do it to the best of your ability. Remember every job is a self portrait of the person who does it. Autograph your work with excellence.

To be the greatest, be a servant. Matt 23:11

2) **PRAYER.** Pray often and pray always.

Above all pray with those assembled in your home. Pray for the gathering and for the concerns of each household represented. Also consider having prayer with prayer warriors before your screening and after. You can include prayer for restoration, protection and implementation of any positive thought, process or idea as a result of the screening.

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thess 5:17

Consider having a

Host 1 – Meet and greet guests

Host 2 - Answer door and phone calls

Assistance prepping snacks and food and clean-up

Facilitator 1 Helps moderate discussion. Distribute comments equally among attendees.

Facilitator 2 Helps maintain safe and open dialog among attendees.

Note: Consider having a male/female balance as facilitator/moderators.

INVITATIONS AND NOTICES

Invitations:

Include any of the following:

SoulMate Flyers or SoulMate web site www.soulmatefilm.com 1-888-soulfilm

Invitation should include

Greeting or announcement

Theme (optional): For example: Beauty Shop Meets Barber Shop, Pot luck themes:

Soulmate and Salad, Soulmate and Sushi, Soulmate and Soul Food.

We recommend inviting men, married people, seniors, young people etc. A diverse group ensures a fruitful discussion.

Date/time

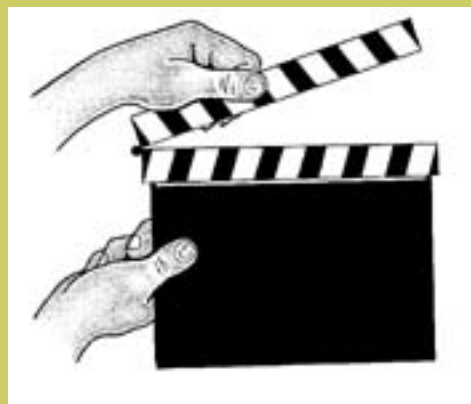
Location

Menu or bring a dish

Parking or Driving information

Name, phone number, email, address to RSVP

Sample Invitation



The honor of your presence is requested for screening the movie 'SoulMate'. This presents a unique opportunity to look at one of several issues in our community.

Join us for a stirring open and safe dialog after the movie.

WHO: name and address. Please RSVP

DATE / TIME:

WHERE:

MENU: List snacks provided or bring a dish.

Please RSVP to ensure enough nourishment

MISC: Parking and or directions

SCREENING FORMS AND RESOURCES

SoulMate Sample Discussion Questions

- Where are you emotionally and spiritually in your singleness? How did you get here?
- How long have you been in this state?
- Is being single a bad thing? If yes, how did you come to that conclusion?
- How did you envision your life at your current age?
- What are your fears about being single?
- What do you consume through your eyes and ears on a regular basis?
- Do you consume certain television shows, radio shows, music, novels, fashion

magazines, tabloids etc. out of habit?

- Do you believe that the images propagated in the media are harmful or just harmless entertainment?
- Do you think the media has heightened your feelings of inadequacy, desperation, anxiety, loneliness, fear etc., as a single?
- How much time do you spend daily enriching your spirit with “good” food?
- What are your thoughts on celibacy?
- Do you feel pressure to have sex outside of marriage?
- How do you define marriage?
- What are your thoughts on submission?
- How has your relationship with your family (parents in particular) impacted your views of marriage?
- Have you sought advise/mentoring from couples who have been married for over 20 years?
- What is the difference between being content and being satisfied?
- What makes a good mate?
- Do we attract who we are?
- What are our expectations of the opposite sex? Are they realistic?
- What are the top 3 areas you have to address in yourself? Selfishness, pride, self sufficiency etc.?
- How are you going about working on these areas?
- What is settling?
- List 10 attributes of your ideal mate.
- If you were never to be married, how would you live your life?
- Are the issues for single never married people the same as they are for widowed or divorced people?
- Can you grow to love someone?
- What is your definition of a SoulMate?
- What is the top priority of your life?
- How would you describe your relationship with God? How much time do you spend alone with Him in prayer, worship, meditating in the Word and listening to Him on a daily basis? (See FLY Time section)

(For HOST) PERSONAL LETTER OF INTENTION

Who is your audience?

Family, friends, women’s group, men’s group, social organizations, mixed groups?

What is your purpose?

Enlightenment, teaching, awareness, discussion of community (men, women and family) issues?

Many single black men and women desire to be married. If 42.3% are not marrying and if 70% of households are headed by single parents most of us do not see or experience marriages. We would benefit from the wisdom married couples who can speak wisdom into the lives of singles. Married couples who see this film often share stories of sacrifice, hard work and commitment it takes to achieve longevity in marriages. They also reinforce what the movie points out that someone else outside yourself cannot complete you. Wholeness with joy, peace, patience and loving kindness come from a relationship with your true SoulMate. Married couples should be a target audience to share this with their single family and friends. Include them in all your discussion groups.

Elders have a lot to comment and contribute about the way we are living our lives in the new millennium and in these prolonged states of singleness. They too should be a target audience to share this with their single family members and friends.

What message do you want to send?

What do you hope they take away?

RSVP LIST

As people respond or RSVP to the invitation, be sure to get names and phone numbers. This provides an ability to notify attendees in the event of emergency or cancellation.

SIGN-IN SHEET

Ask people to sign-in with any of following:
Name, email, address, City/State, Phone

FACILITATION OF SCREENING AND DISCUSSION

PRAYER

PRAY Before, During, and After your screening.

At a minimum begin all sessions with prayer.
Consider Praying with partners early in the day for a Spirit led screening and discussion.
Have group prayer for all those assembled.
Consider Praying afterward for implementation of ideas and open hearts as a result of the screenings.

AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

Include and know information relevant in African American Studies to help facilitate discussions. As you enlighten and teach generations be current and knowledgeable.
Study to show yourself approved. 2 Tim 2:15
With all your getting....get understanding. Proverbs 4:7

Please see recommended reading list.

Title	Author	Study or Discipline
Keeping Black Boys out of Special Education	Jawanzaa Kunjufu	African American Studies

State of Emergency: We Must Save African American Men	Jawanzaa Kunjufu	African American Studies
Countering the Conspiracy to Destroy Black Boys	Jawanzaa Kunjufu	African American Studies
State of Black America 2007: Portrait of the Black Man	National Urban League	African American Studies
Visions for Black Men	Na'im Akbar	African American Studies
Know Thyself	Na'im Akbar	African American Studies
Breaking the Chains of Psychological Slavery	Na'im Akbar	African American Studies
Restoring the Village: Solutions for the Black Family	Jawanzaa Kunjufu	African American Studies
Power, Passion, Pain of Black Love	Jawanzaa Kunjufu	African American Studies

Title	Author	Study or Discipline
Bible	Inspired by GOD	Spiritual
Over Spent American Why We Want What We Don't Need	Juliet B Schor	Consumerism
Over Worked American Can't Buy My Love: How Advertising Changes the Way We Think and Feel	Juliet B Schor	Consumerism
	Jean Kilbourne	Consumerism

Title	Author	Study or Discipline
It's Not About Me	Max Lucado	Spiritual Growth
Purpose Driven Life	Rick Warren	Spiritual Growth

COMMUNITY NEWS

Please include a table or place to display and discuss relevant issues happening within your local community via flyers, business cards, etc. Share local business information and events.