DIVINE ROYALTY

Women's Retreat



Theme: Give Thanks in All Things! 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Fees include: Lodging.

Event Date and Time:

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Bring extra money for activities, outlet shopping, massages, salt cave experience, food and more.

There are many things to do at the resort so please don't let money be an excuse to miss out on the activities.

Williamsburg Plantation Resort 4870 Longhill Road Williamsburg, VA 23188

Register by: September 15, 2018 http://leministries.org/registrationform1.html

Sessions

Session 1: Giving Thanks, Even When There Seems To Be No Reason To

Many circumstances in life don't naturally cause us to thank God; instead they quickly lead us to question God. But even in the midst of difficult circumstances we have great reasons to thank God, and even thank him for the circumstances.

Psalm 30:10-12 Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me; O LORD, be my help. You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing to you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever. *(Presenter: Sister Charissa McCall)*

Session 2: Beautifully Broken Things

"The world breaks everyone, then some become strong at the broken places." Ernest Hemingway

Kintsugi is a Japanese method of artful pottery repair using gold to fill the cracks of a broken piece. The pieces are considered more beautiful and valuable than before because of their brokenness and careful mending. Brokenness, in one form or another, inevitably enters every life – broken dishes, broken bones, broken dreams, hearts, spirits.

Psalm 147:3 assures us that our Father heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Depending on how we learn to view our brokenness and healing, we can come to see ourselves as even more beautiful and stronger than we'd have been if our brokenness and mending had never occurred.

(Optional) Kintsugi is a beautiful physical representation of this concept. In this breakout session we will enact the "breaking", "mending" and finally the "gilded-beautification" of our own personal piece of pottery as we contemplate the ways in which brokenness has appeared in our lives and the ways in which our Father can recreate us, working all things, even broken things, for our good and His glory.

Psalm 147:3 (Presenter: Minister Tenisha Sobers)

Session 3: When Purpose Finds You

Many of us wonder why are we here? Especially when life deals you, what we think are lemons. We believe that purpose is meant to be great, we believe that purpose should be awe inspiring, we believe that purpose should happen without resistance. What do we do, when purpose finally finds us? This breakout session unpacks the life of Mary, the mother of Jesus and how purpose, although awe inspiring, can be painful. This breakout sessions teaches us women how to handle purpose with grace. Luke 1:26 – (Presenter: Minister Emanda Solomon)

Session 4: The Sovereign Effect

In a sinful world we experience trouble, regardless of the wise choices we make and the preventative measures we take. Although we can't control all aspects of our life, we can lessen stress and anxiety by recognizing we have a loving Lord and Savior who does rule over all the circumstances of life, and he clearly has our best interests in mind. This breakout will focus on using the resources God offers us in the gospel of Jesus to relieve anxiety and depression by appreciating the sovereignty of God.

Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. (Open)

Session 5: Walking in Transition

When my daughter was in about the 3rd grade, she asked me a question. She asked mom, what is the meaning of life? And after thinking for a few minutes, I answered, "change". Life is packed with changes and how we manage them can make all the difference in our peace. I read once that transition happens when your season shifts. This breakout session will explore God's techniques for handling shifting and turbulent seasons in a woman's life, and walk through transition, gracefully.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (First Lady Malone)

Things to Remember:

Bring spending money for outside activities

Carpoolers help each other with gas

Bring comfortable walking shoes

Bring swimsuit for indoor /outdoor pool / sauna / Jacuzzi

Bring snacks/food to share

Optional: Bring food for lunch and dinner (Estates have full kitchens)

Retreat Activities Cost Sheet:

These are all optional activities; prices are provided for your budgeting purposes.

Monday Sept. 24~Cheddar's: Approximately \$25 plus Tax & Tip

Wednesday 26~Captain George's: \$36.99 plus Tax & Tip

Thursday Sept. 27~Salt Cave: \$15 plus Tax

On Site Spa Services (Appt. required):

1Hr. Massages:

- Swedish Massage: \$75 plus Tax & Tip
 - Deep Tissue: \$85 plus Tax & Tip
 - Hot Stone: \$95 plus Tax & Tip

Reflexology Foot: \$55 plus Tax & Tip

\$150 - 2hr. Package:

- 1hr. massage w/ mint foot scrub
 - 1hr. Euro Facial w/Neck Rub

The Following are Groupon Deals:

AMF Bowling (Two hrs. & Shoes included):

- 2ppl: \$18 (\$9pp) plus Tax
- 4ppl: \$32 (\$8pp) plus Tax
- 6ppl: \$44 (\$7.33pp) plus Tax

Colonial Williamsburg: \$40.99

Escape Room (Sun-Thurs)

- 2ppl: \$34 (\$17pp) plus Tax
- **8ppl**: \$114 (\$14.25pp) plus Tax