

Foccus Inventory Questions

As religion continues to dominate the news, politics and society in general, more and more laypeople are looking for a reliable guide to understanding the beliefs and practices of each faith. The Roman Catholic Church—the largest branch of Christianity—claims a total of over 1 billion baptized members around the globe and has been revered by billions of followers for thousands of years. Why? The Catholicism Answer Book answers 300 pivotal questions about one of the world's oldest religions. From the basic tenets of Christianity and the nature of God and salvation to the differences between a Catholic Bible and a Protestant Bible, readers can round out their knowledge on such inquiries as: What are the "lost" or "missing" books of the Bible? And why are the books we have canonical? Why does it seem like Catholics worship Mary? What are the Last Things? Why confess to a priest when I can go directly to God?

This innovative text offers a simple but comprehensive framework for couple assessment that integrates research and information on couples from a wide range of models. Using the 7 Cs as a basis for guiding assessment, chapters move through key areas of couple functioning including communication, conflict resolution, culture, commitment, caring and sex, contract, and character. An additional chapter on children also offers insights into assessment of couples who parent. Offering a broad and accessible framework that can be applied to a variety of theoretical perspectives, the book highlights how the 7 Cs can be used to inform both assessment and treatment of couples. Numerous case examples are interwoven throughout the text to demonstrate how therapists may utilize this approach to work with a diverse client base. Written in an accessible style, *Assessment in Couple Therapy* is an essential tool for students of marriage and family therapy and beginning therapists, as well as seasoned mental health professionals working with couples in a range of settings.

The Catholic family is a domestic church, rooted in God's love and challenged to hope. Yet Catholic families today are beset with attacks from within and without, as were early Christian house churches. The latter faced persecution and rejection from society and even their own family members. Today's domestic churches face challenges of materialism, individualism, and secularism, coming through technology, media, and the contemporary culture. The Church must respond to these challenges by seeking new ways to minister directly to families. The future of parish life will depend largely on how a parish supports family life. Drawing on the experience of the early Church, *Evangelizing Today's Domestic Churches* invites pastors and those engaged in pastoral ministry to take the lead in helping families recognize their responsibility before God to become vibrant domestic churches.

Written by a Catholic laywoman and a Catholic priest, this book looks at both the underlying theology and practical approaches to the Catholic wedding.

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Assessment in Couple Therapy

The 300 Most Frequently Asked Questions

Living Together

Essential Assessment Skills for Couple and Family Therapists

The Sunday Service of the Methodists; with Other Occasional Services

Marriage in the Heart and the Mind of the Church is a series of reflections on the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. Intended for couples preparing to receive the Sacrament, this guide prepares the couple for the Sacrament of Matrimony and the interior dispositions necessary for marriage. A must read for all couples and a great resource for parishes to use with couples!

Author of the bestselling book, *Happy Together*, John Bosio draws from his experience as a family therapist and committed believer to provide a path for a loving marriage inspired by the Beatitudes. He offers couples both theological grounding and inspiration as they seek to strengthen their marriage commitment.

The Pastor's Manual is a marriage preparation and ministry resource for pastors and other church leaders for pre-marital counseling and for comprehensive marriage ministries including guidelines for training mentor couples, working with couples in groups, and relationship education for all ages. Includes everything you need to have a comprehensive marriage ministry: The Ministry of Marriage Preparation The Pastor's Role (expectations and perceptions; coaching and problem solving; experiences and attitudes) Theological Perspectives (personal responsibility and christian community; God's purposes for marriage; divorce and remarriage; marriage as vocation and covenant) Basic Goals for Marriage Preparation Ministries (religion, money, and sex; communication skills) Working with Couples First Session (wedding details, assessing the couple's preparation for marriage) Sessions with Individuals (premarital questionnaire responses, surfacing potential disagreements) Additional Sessions (finalizing wedding plans) Nurturing Marital Growth After the Wedding Mentor Couples (selecting and recruiting mentor couples; leadership team; training mentor couples) Marriage Preparation in Groups Comprehensive Marriage Ministries (relationship education for children, youth, and young adults; enrichment opportunities for married couples; support for couples in crisis) An extensive list of "Additional Resources" includes organizations and other marriage ministry programs that may be readily available and can be incorporated into local church and community ministries. Updates for these "Additional Resources," a "Directory of United Methodist Marriage Ministry" leaders and consultants, a "Training Model" for use of GLCM, and other helps are available at www.marriagelovepower.net.

A research methods text with a unique focus on evidence-based practice with couples and families, this book bridges the divide between research and clinical work. The text offers comprehensive, user-friendly coverage of measurement and design issues and basic qualitative and quantitative methods. Illustrating research concepts with clinically relevant examples and sample studies, it teaches clear steps for evaluating different types of studies and identifying common threats to validity. Of special value to therapists, it provides a systematic framework for using research to guide the selection and evaluation of interventions that meet the needs of particular clients. Pedagogical features: *End-of-chapter "Applications" sections showing how to evaluate specific methods. *Appendices with quick-reference guides and recommended resources. *Instructive glossary. See also the authors' *Essential Skills in Family Therapy, Third Edition: From the First Interview to Termination*, which addresses all aspects of real-world clinical practice, and *Essential Assessment Skills for Couple and Family Therapists*, which shows how to weave assessment into all phases of therapy.

The Order of Celebrating Matrimony

Singleness and the Church

In the Best Interest of the Nation : Report of the U.S. Commission on Child and Family Welfare

A Roadmap for Sharing Parenting and Making It Work

Essential Skills in Family Therapy, Third Edition

a compendium of approaches to help couples, who choose marriage for themselves, develop the skills and knowledge to form and sustain healthy marriages : draft

The Catholic Wedding Book

Before ?I Do? ? Preparing for the Full Marriage ExperiencePre-engaged, engaged, and newlywed couples learn what it takes to go the distance and experience all marriage has to offer. Before ?I Do? engages couples through its interactive layout and in-depth content packed with practical insights, Scriptural principles, and must-have relationship skills. In eight interactive sections, couples ?Build the foundation for a lifelong marriage.Eliminate common relationship obstacles and barriers.Frame their relationship with God?s insights from The Message and N.I.V.Obtain practical skills to make divorce a non-factor.Read, write, and discuss on all things marriage.Explore vital issues: money, future goals, faith, and sex.Essential book for any couple contemplating marriage, planning for marriage, or who just began their marriage.Ideal pre-marital tool for pastors, counselors, small group leaders and mentor couples.

Build Your House Upon Rock shows how a happy and holy marriage demands more than attraction or affection. It demands God's expectations high expectations! This Bible study lays out a formula for a great Catholic marriage rooted in God. You'll learn what God says a good marriage requires. You'll get challenged to reflect on your own ideas of marriage, faith, and virtue. You'll uncover the hopes and fears that can help and hinder your marriage. You'll discover how marriage is a vocation, a path to holiness, a path to God. You'll prepare to receive grace, courage, and determination to live this most sacred commitment. You'll be a model for individuals and couples discerning or preparing for marriage, and married couples looking to enrich their marriage. You'll meet God's high expectations for marriage and the rewards that come along with them!

Learn the fundamentals of family therapy and treatment! An Introduction to Marriage and Family Therapy presents insight and analysis from 20 of the foremost experts in the theoretical and practice areas of family therapy, offering a unique blend of approaches and styles. Chapters draw on each author's area of expertise in exploring the history of family therapy and the application of systems theory to families. Ideal as a comprehensive resource for entry-level students, the book also gives undergraduates a glimpse of graduate training and provides useful tips on how to apply to graduate school and what to expect while shopping for graduate education. An Introduction to Marriage and Family Therapy is divided into two parts: a theoretical section, where commonly used theories are presented with practical case examples, and a section devoted to special issues and topics, such as couples therapy, communication training, marital enrichment and premarital counseling. The book also covers substance abuse, divorce, gender and culture, family violence, sexual dysfunctions and sex therapy treatment, and the interface of ethics and the legal system. An Introduction to Marriage and Family Therapy also discusses: the history of family therapy systems theory and cybernetics structural and strategic family therapy cognitive-behavioral, experiential, and transgenerational therapies collaborative language-based models current research findings and much more! With its unique and comprehensive approach, An Introduction to Marriage and Family Therapy serves as a theoretical introduction to the field of marriage and therapy and related mental health disciplines where family treatment is emphasized. The book is essential for educators in marriage and family counseling classes and is an invaluable resource for therapists, counselors, social work professionals, pastoral educators, and family psychologists.

Is your church making the most of weddings? This guide helps develop your ministry to wedding couples by making positive initial contacts, organising the service, offering advice, and promoting your church as an attractive venue.

Evidence-based Approaches to Relationship and Marriage Education

Love, Joy, and Sex

Navigating the 7 Cs of Relationships

Dissertation Abstracts International

A Guide to the Beatitudes for Catholic Couples

A Practical Guide for Churches

Everything Great Marriage

Premarital GuidanceFortress Press

The Catholic Wedding Book, now in a new, revised edition of this best seller, will take the pain out of wedding preparations, answer all your questions and make planning your wedding easy. The Catholic Church teaches that marriage is forever. The truth is that no sane person would want to suffer through the preparation for a marriage more than once. Some say that a wedding is God's way of testing a couple to see if they're fit for marriage. In The Catholic Wedding Book, you can find everything you want to know about: Selecting Scripture readings for your wedding; Choosing and decorating the church; The duties of the best man and maid of honor; Wedding ritual options; Marriages between Catholics and other Christians; Making the best use of the rehearsal; Organizing the wedding procession; Putting the ushers to work; Dispensations and how to get them; How to plan your own wedding ceremony; Getting the most out of marriage prep; and dozens of other questions and answers... Easy reading for Catholics of all ages, The Catholic Wedding Book provides practical advice for planning a wedding liturgy and the text of all official forms, readings and prayers approved by the Church - everything you need to make your wedding joyful and meaningful. So read brides magazines for your dress and reception, but be sure to purchase this for the real substance of your Catholic wedding.

"This book focuses on students, a pragmatic approach to treatment, regard for multidisciplinary perspectives, and respect for the influence of families on clients. Chapter 1 identifies concerns that new therapists frequently have, such as building confidence in their clinical work. Chapters 2-6 follow the usual time sequence of therapy--from initial contact with clients, to comprehensive assessment, to treatment planning and intervention. Chapters 7-10 deal with specific clinical situations based on presenting problems and the nature of client families. We examine major issues and approaches for working with children and adolescents, older adults, couples, and families that are struggling with serious mental illness. Chapter 11 highlights some common obstacles all therapists encounter, and provides concrete ideas on how to get unstuck when treatment is not progressing. Chapter 12 focuses on an often overlooked part of therapy--termination. In Chapter 13, we conclude the book by looking at emerging issues within family therapy"--

In this highly anticipated English translation according to the Second Typical Edition, the Ordo Celebrandi Matrimonium \"is presented with an enrichment of the Introduction, rites and prayers, and with certain changes introduced in keeping with the norm of the Code of Canon Law promulgated in 1983\" (Decree of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments). The revision of this Ritual Edition,

which is divided into four chapters and includes three Appendices, incorporates changes in accord with the Third Typical Edition of The Roman Missal, updated Lectionary texts, and The Revised Grail Psalms. This Clothbound Edition includes all the enhanced features that celebrants have come to know and trust from Catholic Book Publishing: large, easy-to-read type; printed and reinforced end papers; a sturdy cover; and satin ribbon markers to add an elegant finishing touch. Specially produced acid-neutral cream paper from established, quality mills ensures a high level of opacity and consistency of the highest degree. While providing highly readable type for text and music, this volume also boasts a proven layout that respects functional page-turns.

The Catholicism Answer Book

Making the Most of Weddings

The humanities and social sciences. A

A Bible Study for Catholics Preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage

African Conversation on Pope Francis's Amoris Laetitia and the Gospel of Family in a Divided World

Clinical Guide to Helping New Parents

An Introduction to Marriage and Family Therapy

Showing how to weave assessment into all phases of therapy, this indispensable text and practitioner guide is reader friendly, straightforward, and practical. Specific strategies are provided for evaluating a wide range of clinical issues and concerns with adults, children and adolescents, families, and couples. The authors demonstrate ways to use interviewing and other techniques to understand both individual and relationship functioning, develop sound treatment plans, and monitor progress. Handy mnemonics help beginning family therapists remember what to include in assessments, and numerous case examples illustrate what the assessment principles look like in action with diverse clients. See also the authors' Essential Skills in Family Therapy, Third Edition: From the First Interview to Termination, which addresses all aspects of real-world clinical practice, and Clinician's Guide to Research Methods in Family Therapy.

The founders of such marriage counseling organizations as Mentor Couples and Community Marriage Policies argue that cohabitation without marriage is not an appropriate test of a relationship, explaining how such living environments result in ill-preparedness for long-term commitment and higher divorce rates. 50,000 first printing.

Now updated in its second edition, Handbook of Clinical Issues in Couple Therapy provides a comprehensive overview of emerging issues that impact couple therapy. Unlike other guides that concentrate more on theoretical approaches, this invaluable resource contains the latest research and perspectives that every clinician needs when dealing with the challenging issues often found in practice. Carefully referenced, it explores a range of issues that include intimate partner violence, posttraumatic stress disorder and its effect on couple relationships, divorce therapy, remarriage and cohabitation issues, cultural issues, and couple therapist training. This insightful edited volume is suitable for a wide spectrum of readers, including couple and family therapists, counselors, psychologists, social workers, pastoral counselors, educators, and graduate students.

There Goes the Bride is your personal guide to calling off a wedding— maybe your own! It walks the reader through the reasons, logistics, and emotions associated with breaking an engagement and provides down-to-earth advice, support, and encouragement from women who have been there. Rachel Safier—the widely recognized expert on the topics of cold feet and broken engagements— addresses all your concerns, including figuring out if it's more than just cold feet, dealing with friends and family who don't understand, giving back the ring, and more. Filled with stories from sixty-two 'almost brides' from twenty-five states and four countries who've been through this difficult process themselves, There Goes the Bride offers comfort, inspiration, practical advice, some tears, and quite a few laughs.

Jesuit Post

Handbook of Clinical Issues in Couple Therapy

There Goes the Bride

Oxford Handbook of Personality Assessment

2012 Revision

A Theological and Pastoral Approach to the Family

Preparing for the Full Marriage Experience

Now revised is this bestseller, a welcome guide for new Catholics to the sometimes confusing world of everyday Catholic living.

There is no papal document that has generated as much interest, controversy, and debate in recent times as Pope Francis's Amoris Laetitia. This document, which came out of two very divisive synods of Catholic bishops and leaders in Rome in 2014 and 2015, will probably be the most discussed document ever produced by a pope in modern Catholicism on marriage and family life. This volume has gathered seminal commentaries on Amoris Laetitia by African Catholic theologians, social scientists, and pastoral workers. They offer African theological and pastoral responses to the principles and practices proposed by Pope Francis and the Synod on the family on such contested issues as same-sex relations, divorce and remarriage, and reception and denial of Holy Communion in the church, among other divisive issues. These important essays and commentaries show the strengths and weaknesses of this papal commentary and point out the missing link in the global conversation on marriage, family, and same-sex relations. Their argument for the inclusion of African perspectives and moral traditions in the search for a third way in finding an inclusive and integrated pastoral art of accompaniment is very compelling. The authors here also call for the inclusion of Africa's own unique challenges—like polygamy, childless marriages, and the impact of migration, civil conflict, diseases, ecological and population crises, and the rights of African women—in the global discussion on marriage and family life. They also challenge uncritical clichés in world Christianity that Africa's opposition to same-sex marriages (or Western propaganda about population or birth control and contraception) are conservative, while showing diverse African conversations on these topics in the search for abundant life on this beautiful continent.

For people on the autism spectrum dating is so often an elusive art form, requiring the very skills—in communication, and in social perception—that don't come naturally to them. This book presents strategies for overcoming social skills deficits and sensory issues, to make for relationship success. Emilia Murry Ramey and Jody John Ramey, both on the spectrum, reflect on their dating experiences and provide recommendations for relationships in both the short- and long-term. Their advice

includes how to choose venues for meeting people that are free from discomfiting features; coping with typical experiences in the light of sensory issues such as close proximity with a partner, eye-contact, and physical intimacy; and moving on to extended, committed relationships, co-habiting and continuing to date after marriage. Thorough, accessible, and very encouraging, this book is a must-read for Autistic people, those who love them, and those who are in love with them. Outlines a plan for cooperative parenting, placing an emphasis on sharing the work of child rearing between mother and father in order to create a better blend of work, parenthood, and personal lives.

Before I Do

Evangelizing Today's Domestic Churches

Marriage in the Heart and the Mind of the Church

Premarital Guidance

Blessed Is Marriage

From the First Interview to Termination

The Couple CARE for Parents Program

This accessible guide details an evidence-based educational program to help couples adapt to parenthood while minimizing the inevitable stress on the relationship. Complete with content, rationales, activities, and client materials, its flexible format allows for home and office visits and phone/online support across the transition, starting during pregnancy and continuing into early infancy. Activities build on themes of caring, change, and cooperation as couples learn to identify and address sources of conflict, solve infant-care problems, and to become optimal partners as well as optimal parents. The book's hands-on presentation includes chapter highlights, boxed "Practice Tips" and "Clinical Connections" sections, client handouts and worksheets, and examples of clinician interactions with couples. The sessions described in Clinical Guide to Helping New Parents: The Couple CARE for Parents Program are organized to meet challenges and reinforce skills in key areas including: Developing realistic and shared expectations. Promoting positive communications and self-change. Conflict management communication skills. Developing sensitive and responsive parenting Reviewing personal and social support. Developing caring and healthy sexuality. Anticipating and preventing relationship deterioration.

This is the first book to provide a comprehensive, multidisciplinary overview of evidence-based relationship and marriage education (RME) programs. Readers are introduced to the best practices for designing, implementing, and evaluating effective RME programs to better prepare them to teach clients how to have healthy intimate relationships. Noted contributors from various disciplines examine current programs and best practices, often by the original developers themselves. Readers learn to critically appraise approaches and design and implement effective, evidence-based programs in the future. Examples and discussion questions encourage readers to examine issues and apply what they have learned. The conceptual material in Parts I & II provides critical guidance for practitioners who wish to develop, implement, and evaluate RME programs in various settings. Chapters in Parts III & IV follow a consistent structure so readers can more easily compare programs-- program overview and history, theoretical foundations, needs assessment and target audience, program goals & objectives, curriculum issues, cultural Implications, evidence based research and evaluation, and additional resources. This book reflects what the editor has learned from teaching relationship development and family life education courses over the past decade and includes the key information that students need to become competent professionals. Highlights of the book's coverage include: Comprehensive summary of effective evidence-based RME training programs in one volume. Prepares readers for professional practice as a Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE) by highlighting the fundamentals of developing RME programs. Describes the challenges associated with RME program evaluation. The book opens with a historical overview of RME development. It is followed by 20 chapters divided in six parts. The initial four chapters focus on fundamentals of relationship and marriage education --program development, required training, delivery systems, and implementation. The three chapters in Part II consider important conceptual and theoretical frameworks used in RME. Part III considers best practices in inventory based programs while Part IV examines six skills-based programs. The chapters in Parts III and IV consider program overview and history, theoretical foundations, needs assessment and target audience, program goals and objectives, curriculum issues, cultural implications, evidence-based research & evaluation, and additional resources. This content covers four categories of effective programs -- design and content, relevance, delivery and implementation, and assessment and quality assurance. Part V presents evidence-based RME with diverse groups and Part VI reviews future directions. Intended for use in advanced undergraduate or graduate courses in relationship and marriage education, family life education, marriage and relationship counseling/therapy, intimate relationships, relationship development, or home/school/community services taught in human development and family studies, psychology, social work, sociology, religion, and more, this ground-breaking book also serves as a resource for practitioners, therapists, counselors, clergy members, and policy makers interested in evidence based RME programs and those seeking to become Certified Family Life Educators or preparing for a career in RME.

Written by a new generation of recognized experts in pastoral care, these brief, foundational books offer practical advice to pastors on the most frequent dilemmas of pastoral care and counseling.

Drawn from the eponymous blog essays on faith, culture, and lives of Christian discipleship by young Jesuit priests and seminarians for young adult seekers.

Domestic Violence, Forced Marriage and 'honour'-Based Violence

Parenting Our Children

Strengthening healthy marriages

A Book by Autistics, for Autistics and Those Who Love Them or Who Are in Love with Them

An Indispensable Tool for Helping People with Their Problems

A Complete Guidebook

The Popular Encyclopedia of Christian Counseling

Despite the fact that almost half of all Americans are single, singleness remains an often overlooked oddity in American culture and in Christian communities. Christians ought to be the people who most support singleness, given what scripture and tradition suggest, but this does not seem to be the case. In this exciting new book, Jana Marguerite Bennett examines a variety of usually forgotten models of singleness: the never-married, the casually uncommitted, the committed but unmarried, the same-sex attracted, the widowed, the divorced, and the single parent. Each chapter in Singleness and the Church takes one of these models and considers the cultural commentary, Christian debate, and a holy guide-figures like Paul, Augustine, Aelred of Rievaulx, Elizabeth Ann Seton, and Dorothy Day -in order to offer a new perspective on singleness, the church, and what it means to be a single Christian disciple. In Singleness and the Church, Bennett provides a fresh new theology of single life, a starting point for restoring singleness, in all its amazing varieties, to its rightful place in Christian tradition.

One of the oldest of all psychological disciplines, the field of personality assessment has seen no shortage of scientific study or

scientific literature. This Oxford Handbook provides a comprehensive perspective on the contemporary practice of personality assessment, including its historical developments, underlying methods, applications, contemporary issues, and assessment techniques. The Oxford Handbook of Personality Assessment details both the historical roots of personality assessment and the evolution of its contemporary methodological tenets. This provides the foundation for the handbook's other major focus: the application of personality assessment in clinical, personnel, and forensic assessments. This handbook will serve as an authoritative and field-encompassing resource for researchers and clinicians from across the medical health and psychology disciplines (i.e., clinical psychology, psychiatry, social work, etc.) and would be an ideal text for any graduate course on the topic of personality assessment. Months--and sometimes years--of planning go into creating the perfect wedding. But when the last piece of wedding cake is eaten and the rice is thrown, many couples realize they've not put much thought into their honeymoon. Because it's imperative to let the honeymoon and sexual relationship for a couple set the tone for their life as a couple together, two respected physicians draw from their extensive premarital counseling experiences to compile this invaluable guide of honeymoon essentials. It's all here--from birth-control options and a calendar for travel arrangements to medications to have on hand and God's design for the honeymoon. There are even ideas which will help each couple assemble a custom "honeymoon kit." Bride's Eyes Only and Groom's Eyes Only chapters offer solid advice for the sexual relationship. A one-week devotional section with daily reflections for the first week as husband and wife will help launch any marriage with the right spiritual foundation. The time couples invest in preparing for this important week of marriage and life together will reap years of rewards!

"A report to the President and Congress"--Cover.

An Informal Guide to Catholic Customs, Traditions, and Practices

101 Questions and Answers on Catholic Marriage Preparation

A New Theology of the Single Life

Growing Love in Christian Marriage Third Edition - Pastor's Manual

Build Your House Upon Rock

Autistics' Guide to Dating

Preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage

Seasoned counselors and professors Tim Clinton and Ron Hawkins provide a landmark reference that offers a capstone definition of the emerging profession and ministry of the Christian counselor. Appropriate for professional counselors, lay counselors, pastors, students, and teachers, it includes nearly 300 entries by nearly 100 top Christian counselors. This practical guide focuses on functional aspects of Christian counseling and explores such important topics as...Christian counseling as a profession, ministry, and lay ministry; Spiritual and theological roots; Social, emotional, and relational issues; Skills and essentials in Christian helping; Ethical and legal considerations; Intake, assessment, diagnosis, and treatment planning; and Premarital counseling, family therapy, and substance abuse. Counselors will also find up-to-date information on solution-based brief therapy, cognitive therapy and biblical truth, and trauma and crisis intervention. An essential resource for maintaining a broad and up-to-date perspective on helping others.

Brimming with helpful information and tips, The Everything Great Marriage Book can help bring harmony to any relationship.

A collection of questions and answers regarding the Catholic wedding preparation process and the wedding ceremony. Helpful for newly engaged couples as they begin to prepare the many details of their Catholic wedding, this resource will walk them through the process -- who to contact, when to schedule, why the Church expects certain things, and the options for the ceremony.

How to Plan a Beautiful Life Together

Clinician's Guide to Research Methods in Family Therapy

A Guide to Catholic Weddings: Q&A for Couples

Now That You Are a Catholic

How to Avoid the Mommy Trap

The Honeymoon of Your Dreams

Foundations of Evidence-Based Practice