

### Table 3.1 WHAT DO EACH HOPE FOR IN YOUR WEDDING?

**Directions:** Complete this worksheet separately before you talk about it. It's okay if one of you does not have clear ideas about what you want; you may develop ideas after talking with your partner. Give each area a priority score to indicate how important it is to you. 1 = it's an extremely high priority, 10 = you could care less.

**Location** (ceremony and reception). Priority # \_\_\_\_\_

1. Do you have a definite location in mind? \_\_\_\_\_

- If yes, it is \_\_\_\_\_
- If no, do you have a general idea of where? \_\_\_\_\_

Example: Ceremony in a religious setting, outdoors, in a resort setting.

Reception in same place as above, or a restaurant, hotel, a rented hall, someone's backyard, at the beach, in a house or mansion

2. What is it about your answer above that makes you want what you want?

- Does it evoke a certain emotion? \_\_\_\_\_

Which emotion? \_\_\_\_\_

- Is it a place you've seen a wedding take place before? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, what appealed to you? \_\_\_\_\_

- Is it a family expectation? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what do you think your family wants? \_\_\_\_\_

What priority (1-10) do you think they give it? \_\_\_\_\_

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- **Do you have a personal connection (an uncle who owns the restaurant and would donate the place and food)?** \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes, what is it?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest List** (ceremony and reception) **Priority #** \_\_\_\_\_

A way to think about size, other than “small, medium, large” is to consider the types of people you expect to be at your wedding or reception, and then attach rough numbers to these. If you each write down just your side of the guest list, you can add up the numbers to see where you’re at. Mutual friends shouldn’t be double counted, so mark them in a “shared” category. Elizabeth found she was more willing to exclude a category of friends, but when Mike wanted his same category to be there, she then wanted to change her own opinion!

**1. Family: includes**

**Immediate family** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relatives** \_\_\_\_\_

**Close friends who are considered family** \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Friends: includes categories like:**

**From school (elementary up through graduate school)** \_\_\_\_\_

**From clubs and intramural sports** \_\_\_\_\_

**From work (past or present)** \_\_\_\_\_

**From church** \_\_\_\_\_

**Season** – **Priority #** \_\_\_\_\_

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1. I know exactly what season I want \_\_\_\_\_
2. I know what I don't want (snow, heat, rain...) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Is there a time of year bad for a key player?
4. Is there a time when extended family takes a vacation and couldn't make two trips close together?
5. If there is a lot of travel involved for people, are their cheaper times of the year (winter in Aspen being a peak expensive time to travel versus summer)

**Ceremony** – Priority # \_\_\_\_\_

1. I know exactly how it will look, down to the exact officiant \_\_\_\_\_
2. I have an opinion on whether it's religious or not \_\_\_\_\_  
I want a traditional ceremony of \_\_\_\_\_
3. I want a non-traditional ceremony consisting of the following elements  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. I want a mix of tradition and personal aspects \_\_\_\_\_

**Wedding Party** – Priority # \_\_\_\_\_

1. Do you know exactly who you want?
2. Is there anyone who is going to expect to be an attendant for the bride or grooms side because they're family or close friends?
3. Do you have concerns about the numbers? Is the ceremony location going to be an issue with a small area and nine attendants on each side

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- 4. Rehearsal dinners usually involve the wedding party and the spouses, so make sure your numbers mesh with whoever is paying and the location of the dinner.**

**Who will Pay - Priority # \_\_\_\_\_**

- 1. Do you know exactly who will pay? \_\_\_\_\_**
- 2. Will there be strings attached? Expectations? Struggles and fights? Are they going to give the money freely in one fell swoop or expect to authorize all payments to all vendors and for all supplies?**

**Other Priority Areas: \_\_\_\_\_ Priority # \_\_\_\_\_**  
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