



ELMBROOK

CHURCH | Brookfield

Marriage in Christ

A Pre-Marriage Study

Elmbrook Church
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INTRODUCTION

Preparing for Class

WEEKLY CLASS SESSIONS

Each class will begin with a presentation of the **Topic for the Week** by various qualified presenters.

- Following the speaker, couples meet for discussion in small groups facilitated by an assigned leader couple. These small groups are arranged according to age and situation.
- **Note:** Please arrive prior to the scheduled start time respecting speakers.

WORKBOOK

- Workbook materials are available on-line at elmbrook.org/premarriage
- Before each class complete the assigned book reading
- Following each class, complete the required **assignments**:
 - **Couple Devotional**
 - **Couple Exercise**
 - **Digging Deeper** (for selected topics). We encourage you to complete all sections to maximize your preparation for marriage.

OTHER CLASS REQUIREMENTS

1. **Attendance/Participation:** We hope you will attend all 9-sessions, and ask for a maximum of 2 absences. In case of illness/unavoidable absence, please let your small group leaders know and listen to the audio message online at elmbrook.org/premarriage.
2. **Textbook:** *Things I Wish I'd Known Before We Got Married* by Gary Chapman. (Available in Elmbrook bookstore, Amazon and Kindle). We recommend you each purchase your OWN book.
3. **Small Group Social:** Each group will meet outside of class with small group leader couples-- Agreed upon date to be determined by the group.
4. **One-on-Ones:** Each couple will meet one-on-one with their small group leaders outside of the class.
5. **Assignments:** as noted above.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Speaker Notes

Small Group Discussion

- How did you meet?
- What attracted you to each other?
- What are you hoping to gain by taking the Pre-marital class?
- How did you know he/she was the person you wanted to marry?
- How did your relationship progress?
- How did the marriage proposal occur?
- What are your wedding plans? What is the date?
- What hopes do you have regarding your marriage?
- What lifestyle changes do you anticipate when you marry?

Couple Devotional

None this week

Couple Exercise

Watch:

Matt Chandler on Finding 'The One'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Y61k-8kJp8>

Matt Chandler on Contract Marriage vs. Covenant Marriage

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kwoxR1xI4o>

Matt Chandler - Terrible Years of Marriage

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2k_FlrMFF-8

Listen to:

Don't Marry Who They'll Become

<http://www.focusonthefamily.com/media/focus-on-the-family-commentary/dont-marry-who-theyll-become>

Spend time discussing together

Reminder: Read assigned chapter for next lesson