

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

While marriage is such a crucial relationship, in our culture it has become extremely volatile. For this reason, we think it is vital that you make it a priority to have a third-party invest into your relationship. This process will assist you in discovering your relationship strengths, and uncovering your relationship growth areas. There are key components to healthy marriages that if incorporated into your relationship will give you the marital satisfaction you both deserve.

What happens in Marriage Preparation?

All couples getting married through City Centre Church must participate in Marriage Preparation based on the following format...

- Couples meet for four or five, one hour sessions with one of our pastoral team or a counselor in order to learn basic skills to promote healthy marital interactions and to discuss any personal problems the couples may have faced (using the Enrich Canada material)
- Couples then meet with the officiating pastor to review their participation in the life of the church, to discuss any pastoral needs and to review the ceremony

What is the format?

- 1) 1st Session: Introductions, couple tells their story, review of overall survey scores
- 2) Couple completes PREPARE ENRICH survey at home prior to 1st session
- 3) 2nd Session: Personality profile & Communication skills training
- 4) 3rd Session: Review of discrepancies found in survey
- 5) 4th Session: Conflict resolution training
- 6) 5th Session: Review of discrepancies found in survey
- 7) 6th Session: Couple meets with officiating Pastor

How much is this going to cost us?

- We would like someone to take us through marriage preparation and officiate \$250.00 which includes:
 - Minimum of 4 sessions
 - Online relationship inventory
 - Officiant's time for the rehearsal and ceremony
- We already have someone officiating; we would like someone to take us through marriage preparation \$175 which includes:
 - Minimum of 4 sessions
 - Online relationship inventory*The counselor must agree to Officiant's services.
- We already have a counselor and would like someone to marry us \$125 which includes:
 - Introductory session
 - Ceremony design
 - Officiant's time for the rehearsal and ceremony*The officiating minister must agree to counseling services.

If the ceremony is out of town, it is expected that the officiant's costs would be covered.

Another interesting part we've added...

At City Centre Church we've also added a 1year follow-up session. Upon completion of the marriage preparation, we will book a session for one year from your marriage in order to review your first year of marriage.

Cost break-down for Marriage Preparation and/or Performing a Ceremony fee:

- If the couple is asking the minister to take them through marriage preparation and officiate their ceremony, they will be charged a fee of \$250.00 which includes:
 - Minimum of 4 sessions
 - Online relationship inventory
 - Officiant's time for the rehearsal and ceremony

The online inventory cost is \$39.40

The minister honorarium is \$210.00

- If the couple has someone officiating and would simply like someone to take them through marriage preparation, they will be charged a fee of \$175 which includes:
 - Minimum of 4 sessions
 - Online relationship inventory

*The counselor must agree to the officiant's services.

The minister will receive an honorarium of \$175.00

- If the couple has a counselor and would like someone to officiate the marriage ceremony, they will be charged a fee of \$125 which includes:
 - Introductory session
 - Ceremony design
 - Officiant's time for the rehearsal and ceremony

The minister will receive an honorarium of \$125.00

If the ceremony is out of town, it is expected that the officiant's costs would be covered (ie, transportation, food, and lodging).