



**ELMBROOK**

CHURCH | Brookfield

# **Marriage in Christ**

## A Pre-Marriage Study

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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 speakers.
- Following the speaker, couples will 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 on-time each week.

### CLASS MATERIALS/ASSIGNMENTS

- Class materials (Workbook and Book-**Things I Wish I'd Known Before We Got Married** by Gary Chapman) will be provided at the first class.
- 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 activities to maximize your preparation for marriage.

### OTHER CLASS REQUIREMENTS

1. **Attendance/Participation:** We hope you will attend all 9-sessions. In the case of illness/unavoidable absence, please let your small group leaders know and listen to the audio message online at [elmbrook.org/premarriage](http://elmbrook.org/premarriage).
2. **Small Group Social:** Each group will meet outside of class with small group leaders. Date and location will be determined by the group.
3. **One-on-Ones:** Each couple will meet one-on-one with their small group leaders outside of the class. Date and location will be determined.
4. **Assignments:** as noted above.



# GETTING TO KNOW YOU

## Speaker Notes

## Small Group Tasks

1. Couples complete biographical profile sheets (1 per person).
2. Discuss whole group social. Date and location to be determined next week.
3. Explain One-on-Ones with the goal of setting them up next week.
4. Discuss small group expectations (see handout).

## Small Group Discussion

- How did you meet?
- What attracted you to each other?
- How did you know he/she was the person you wanted to marry?
- 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?
- What are you hoping to gain by taking the Pre-marital class?

## Couple Devotional

- None this week

## Couple Exercise

### Watch:

Matt Chandler- Finding 'The One'

<https://tinyurl.com/findingthe1>

Matt Chandler- Contract Marriage vs. Covenant Marriage

<https://tinyurl.com/contractvs covenant>

Matt Chandler- Terrible Years of Marriage

<https://tinyurl.com/terribleyears>

Peter Hubbard (North Hills Church)- Marriage: Contract or Covenant

<https://tinyurl.com/contractorcovenant>

**Spend time discussing the videos together.**

**Reminder: Read assigned chapter for next lesson.**