

# BUILDING A MARRIAGE MENTORSHIP MINISTRY

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Preparing couples for marriage, building strong marriages and helping hurting couples is a significant part of Marriage Ministry. A Marriage Mentorship Ministry provides an opportunity for the church to better meet the various needs of couples and creates a culture in the church for more authentic community. In this breakout session, Susan and Doug will provide a framework for starting or expanding a Marriage Mentorship Ministry including tips for training and equipping mentors and mentees.

**What is Marriage Mentoring?** Marriage Mentoring is one couple helping another couple prepare for marriage, grow their marriage or heal their marriage.

**Why Marriage Mentoring?** Marriage Mentoring connects two couples together in a way that leads to honest conversations so that couples can learn, grow, heal and build strong marriages.

**Launching a Marriage Mentoring Ministry** – Planning, purpose, passion and commitment are keys to launching and keeping a Marriage Mentoring Ministry alive in your church.

**Creating a Culture for Marriage Mentoring to Thrive**- A Pastoral Team that is passionate about families and leading families to freedom promotes a church culture for Marriage Mentoring to thrive.

**On-Going Training and Equipping** – It is vital for Marriage Mentors to continue to grow and focus on their own marriage. Marriage Mentors share with Mentee Couples from an overflow of what God is doing in their own marriage.

## Resources For Creating Mentoring Program

- **Marriage Mentoring DVD Kit** by Les and Leslie Parrott
- **Marriage Mentoring Academy** by Les and Leslie Parrott
- SYMBIS Relationship Assessment Training
- Strongfamilies.com: LOGB Personality Test and The Blessing by Dr. John Trent

## Resources For Mentors to use with their Mentee Couples

### Premarital

- **Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts** by Les and Leslie Parrot
- **10 Things I Wish I Knew Before We Got Married** by Gary Chapman
- **The Smart Stepfamily Marriage** by Ron Deal and David Olson

### Enrichment

- **Five Love Languages** by Gary Chapman
- **Love and Respect** by Emerson Eggerich
- **Marriage on the Rock** by Jimmy Evans
- **Sacred Marriage** by Gary Thomas

### Restoration

- **Love and War** by John and Stasi Eldredge
- **How We Love** by Milan and Kay Yerkovich
- **Freedom From Your Past** by Jimmy Evans