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Hello!

Thank you for your interest in Substance Church's Premarital Wedding Ministry! Preparation for marriage involves much more than detailing a beautiful wedding, it involves laying the emotional, mental, and spiritual foundations upon which an enduring marriage is built. Because weddings are temporary whereas the tools for a great marriage last a lifetime, we believe at Substance Church that premarital counseling is one of the greatest investments you can make for your future. We're honored you have expressed interest in our Pre-Marital Wedding Ministry! Please read through this document and let us know how we can assist you in preparing for your God-centered marriage!

- Substance Pastoral Care Team / [marriage@substancechurch.com](mailto:marriage@substancechurch.com)

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## What to Expect

- **12 total counseling hours-** Substance requires a minimum of the state recommended 12 hours of premarital counseling. Statistics suggest that 12 hours of premarital counseling could equal 30% reduced likelihood of getting a divorce.
  - **Prepare / Enrich-** Our counseling options use the online relationship assessment tool\*. The results help 1. identify strength and growth areas 2. give knowledge in conflict-resolution and 3. resolve key relationship issues.
    - \$35.00 fee to take assessment
  - **Passion-** It is widely acknowledged that Christians have a similar divorce rate as non-Christians. We at Substance are passionate about reversing this trend by building vibrant, creative marriages that not only lead to healthier communities, but also serve as a witness to the benefits of following God's ways.
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## Suggested Reading

- *Sheet Music* Dr. Kevin Lehman
  - *Celebration of Sex* Dr. Roseneau
  - *Sex, Men & God* Dr. Doug Weiss
  - *For Women Only* Shaunti Feldham
  - *5 Love Languages* Gary Chapman
  - *Things I Wish I knew Before Married* Gary Chapman
  - *His Needs, Her Needs* Willard Harley Jr.
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## Premarital Counseling

- Pastors Justin Greiman, Chad King, Drew Shepp, or Mike Metkowski
  - Cost: \$400.00
    - 10-12 hours of 1-on-2 counseling
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## Officiating the Wedding

- Pastors Justin Greiman, Chad King, Drew Shepp, or Mike Metkowski
- Cost: \$500.00
  - Get to know couple
  - Write message
  - Coordinate wedding logistics
  - Attend rehearsal dinner
  - Officiate wedding