

General Information for 'Marriage Matters'

Conference Objectives

- Discover the core issues in personalities and relationships
- Develop practical communication skills
- Learn conflict resolution processes and skills
- Understand the origins of depression
- Identify strategies to control anger
- Define and deepen genuine love
- Learn to forgive yourself and others

Design and Format

- This conference provides biblical and psychological insight for individuals in all stages of life.
- Every session is designed to help individuals and/or equip attendees to help others in various situations.
- The Sunday morning Bible classes for all teens and adults are key to the success of the conference. Please encourage attendance.
- Provision for childcare is helpful. Some congregations elect to also supervise 'study halls' for older children.
- Five to six free and confidential counseling sessions will be arranged on a 'first come, first serve' basis. Lynn will arrange these sessions.

Church and Community Preparation

- Pray for us and everyone who will attend.
- Personally urge all members to attend.* This encouragement seems most effective when provided by the eldership. Emphasize the material far surpasses topics other than marriage.
- Personally invite past visitors.*
- Urge members to personally invite neighbors and friends.*
- Use social media and web sites to advertise the conference and session summaries at least six to eight weeks in advance.
- Place brochures or flyers in public places.
- Show the promotional video and hand out the session summaries for at least two consecutive weeks before the conference begins.
- Print the conference schedule along with the outline of "The Servant Heart" in the bulletin the Sunday the conference begins.
- Make every effort to have a record attendance at the Bible class hour on Sunday morning.
- Have ushers in place at least 15 minutes before each session begins to welcome attendees and hand out outlines.
- Provide childcare for each session.

- Prepare a follow-up plan for visitors so they will be personally contacted within one week following the conference.

Equipment

- All the sessions except for the Sunday morning Bible classes are supported by Power Point.
- Two tables will be needed. One will serve as the media table in the foyer. All the sessions are co-taught except the Sunday morning Bible classes and Jerry's Sunday a.m. and p.m. sermons. For the joint presentations we will need another table on the platform with a floor length tablecloth and two chairs. Both of us will need a wireless microphone.

Personal Needs

- We will need a king (non-smoking) motel room with provisions in the motel for counseling sessions. We do not hold counseling sessions in our living quarters but often the motel 'breakfast area' is suitable.
- Although we love socializing as much as possible, our meals are not scheduled because of the counseling sessions.

**We have found that advertisement is helpful but nothing takes the place of personal invitation.*

*Thank you for your assistance in these areas.
May God be glorified!*