



We are very excited about our upcoming Merge Class in the Spring of 2019. Our team has been diligently preparing for this class and praying for you and your relationship. We believe this eight-week course together will be a great help for you as you process next steps in your relationship and future marriage. We are encouraged by your desire to spend this time together so that you may grow in your relationship.

In this packet you will find a few items:

- **Schedule for the Class**
- **Pre-class homework for Merge**
- **Frequently asked questions**

• ***Where do I go?***

Join us at our Wills Point location. It is located on FM 47 South outside of Wills Point. For directions, simply go to our **website at www.stonepointchurch.com**

• ***When do I need to be at Stonepoint Church?***

Registration begins at 6:30pm on Thursday, February 21, 2019. We will officially kick off at 7:00pm. We will not provide dinner for you, but will have snacks and beverages available. You will get your class workbook when you arrive on the first night of Merge. ***Stonepoint Church tends to be cold, so we recommend you dress in layers.***

• ***What can I expect?***

If you know much about Stonepoint, you know we are going to challenge you in many ways. You will not hear our opinions, but God's counsel through His word. Our desire is that everything we do will be informed by God's Word and will be indicative of His love for us.

The class is a combination of teaching segments and small group discussion. You will be paired with a married, mentor couple and other seriously dating or engaged couples in a similar stage of life. We will teach through different topics and your small group mentor couple will help facilitate discussion based on the teaching/content.



The Merge Class Premarital Process:

Before we start the eight-week class, we want you to know how the Merge process best works.

1. Register Online

2. Print and Complete this packet, including the pre-class homework.

3. Go all in with your leader and small group during the course.

Come ready to learn and come ready to have some fun!

If we can help you further before you arrive, please let us know! If we can pray for you in any specific way before class, please let us know. Otherwise, we will see you on **Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 6:30pm!**



Schedule: **Thursday Nights from February 21- April 11, 2019**

Merge Weekly Class Schedule (subject to minor changes)

- 6:30pm - Doors Open (First Week Only)
- 6:45pm - Doors open (Rest of the weeks of Merge)
- 7:00pm - **Session Teaching**
- 7:45pm - Break
- 7:55pm - **Small Groups**
- 9:00pm - Dismiss

Topics: (Please note: no class on March 14th)

Week One: Biblical View of Marriage

February 21, 2019

Week Two: Communication and Conflict

February 28, 2019

Week Three: Biblical Roles in Marriage

March 7, 2019

Week Four: Strengthening Your Relationship

March 21, 2019

Week Five: Finances

March 28, 2019

Week Six: Expectations in Marriage

April 4, 2019

Week Seven: Sexual Intimacy

April 11, 2019

Week Eight: Understanding Your Spouse

April 18, 2019



Pre-Class Homework

We have included a few questions and exercises for you to complete before you arrive for the eight-week Merge Class. Please do your prep-homework **separately** and then take some time to discuss together before the class.

1. Why are you taking this class? What do you hope to get out of the Merge class?
2. What would need to happen for you to consider this class together to be a success?
3. How do you define marriage? What sources do you use to inform your definition of marriage?
4. Why do you want to get married?
5. The part of my relationship where I feel most confident or secure is _____?
Why do you feel this way?
6. The part of my relationship where I feel most anxious or insecure is _____?
Why do you feel this way?
7. While we think this class will be a great help in your relationship, what other steps do you anticipate taking to help you prepare for marriage?



8. Look up and read the following verses alone and then with your significant other. As you reflect on these verses, discuss together what God is saying through His Word.

- **Genesis 1:27-28**
- **Genesis 2:24-25**
- **Matthew 19:3-9**
- **1 Corinthians 6:12-18**
- **Ephesians 5:21-33**
- **Hebrews 13:4**

a) *What are some common themes in what Scripture says about marriage?*

b) *How did God design husbands and wives to live together?*

c) *How does the text apply to your relationship now?*

9. Share with your significant other the specifics of how and when you became a follower of Christ.

a. *How has Christ impacted/transformed your life?*



b. *If you were to die tonight, how certain would you be that you are going to heaven? Why? If your answer is not 100%, please ask your table leader during the class.*

c. *Do you believe there is a way to heaven apart from Jesus Christ? Do you think all roads lead to God (i.e. other religions)?*

10. What are three subjects, topics, circumstances or settings that usually lead to/or could lead to “conflict” or hard feelings? (i.e. in-laws, finances, schedules)



Frequently Asked Questions:

What meals are provided?

We do not provide meals during the eight-week Merge class, however we will provide snacks and beverages each night.

Who are the mentor couples and how are groups put together?

The married mentor couples are members of Stonepoint Church who are recruited by Merge ministry leadership. They are couples who love the Lord, love each other and care for other couples. They are trained and supported by Merge leadership. Groups are put together primarily based on age of couples and age of mentors. We will do our best to pair you with couples who are similar ages to you and your significant other.

What do I need to bring with me and what do I need to do to prepare for class each week?

A bible, journal and your class workbook (which you will get the first night). There are some pre-class assignments that are part of this packet that you will want to complete before our first time together. Going forward, there will be weekly assignments for you and your significant other to work through and discuss. We will be sharing some additional recommended resources along the way, but you do not need to read anything (outside of this packet and the workbook) to help you prepare each week.