



GRACE MARRIAGE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Grace Marriage is an exciting ministry designed to enrich, protect, and grow your marriage. Using Biblical, grace-based materials you will have time to talk with your spouse and explore ways to enrich your relationship. Our marriage ministry is an intentional commitment to grow in your relationship with each other and the Lord.

Four times a year husbands and wives meet with other couples in various stages of life to explore different aspects of marriage. The sessions are called marriage coaching. Marriage coaching is an intentional and proactive approach to re-focus on positives in your relationship. Marriage coaching is *not* a lecture. It is *not* marriage counseling or group therapy. It is *not* a seminar or conference. It is *not* a place where you will be forced to share your deepest secrets. Quite simply, it *is* a Biblically-based marriage maintenance model that can revolutionize your relationship. Couples in their 20s to couples in their 80s are involved in Grace Marriage groups and have been greatly blessed by participating!

Who can attend?

Any married couple from Chesmont may attend.

When are the sessions held?

2022 dates are January 15, April 30, August 13, and November 5. Sessions will be held at the Chesmont building from 9 AM - 2 PM. A meal and snacks are included. Participation requires making a commitment to attend all four sessions.

Who will we be with?

You will be in a group with your spouse as well as other couples who want their marriage to grow. Ten couples, plus trained facilitator couples, will walk through the day's material together. Spouses will have personal time together throughout the day to privately discuss the topics addressed. Groups will have mixed ages. Newly marrieds as well as couples who have been married for decades will be involved. Remember, Grace Marriage is about spending time with your spouse, not about being with close friends. Although you will get to know others in your group better, the purpose is to spend time with your husband/wife and focus on your marriage.

What about childcare?

Grace Marriage coaching sessions last 4 hours plus lunch. That is a long time for children to be at the church building, even if they have activities. We believe that most children would be happier in their own home or with family/friends they know. We also want to give couples freedom to focus on each other without feeling the need to check on the kids if they are just down the hallway. For these reasons childcare will not be offered. Consider the coaching days as an extended date – time for just the two of you.

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What does it cost?

What does a normal date night cost if you go out to eat and see a movie, or if you go to a ballgame or concert? \$75? \$100? More? The cost for four *days* of marriage coaching, including all materials, snacks, and lunch is just \$200 per couple *for the year*. That is less than \$1 a day for a year. We encourage you to consider your participation fee as an investment in your marriage. What a great Christmas, birthday, or anniversary gift. Financial assistance is available if cost is a barrier.

How do we sign up?

Registration information is available at the signup table in the church foyer.

How do we pay?

You may pay on the church website or by check at the Grace Marriage signup table. Be sure to select "Grace Marriage" online or write "Grace Marriage" in the memo line of your check.

Is there a deadline?

Yes. Participants must be registered by **Sunday, December 5**. The \$200 registration fee is due by **December 31** in order for us to purchase materials before the first session in January.

Please contact Rick and Kathy Elam or John and Sandy Hummel with any questions.

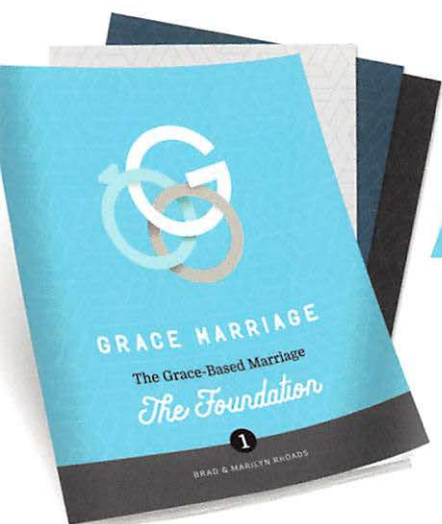
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**JOIN
A GROUP
TODAY!**

What's included each year?

8 Books (Couple's Bundle)

**24 Group Lessons
& Worksheets**

48 Weekly Check-up Cards

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