

DEVELOPMENT AREA: RELATIONAL MARRIAGE, MINISTRY AND THE GOSPEL

DESCRIPTION

How often do ministry couples get to invest in their own marriage relationship? The health of our marriage carries huge implications for many areas of our life including ministry. Our marriage cohorts are designed to help ministry couples become more deeply rooted in the gospel and live from their identities in Christ in a way that strengthens their marriage. It is for ministry couples who want to grow in their own marriage relationship in the safety of a facilitator-led group of other ministry couples.

DEVELOPMENT OUTCOMES

- 1. Invest regular intentional quality time with your spouse
- 2. Grow in applying the Gospel to your everyday marriage relationship
- 3. Celebrate areas of your marriage that are going well and identify areas that need to be addressed
- 4. Forge healthy, safe relationships with other ministry couples where you can dialog honestly about your marriage and pray for each other
- 5. Be prepared to bring a Gospel perspective to couples in your ministry

REQUIREMENTS

Both spouses must participate in the track

FORMAT

- Each couple will be responsible to read and process monthly assigned readings and videos to practice walking out new patterns in their particular areas of need.
- Each couple will be assigned to a cohort with two or three other ministry couples which will be a safe place for dialog and prayer support. The couples in your cohort will not be anyone who serves in your church with you.
- Each cohort will be led by a facilitator couple who will serve as a guide for the group during monthly meetings.
- Each couple will be encouraged to own and address unhealthy patterns, be cheered on towards real change and then celebrate changes together as a group!

SCHEDULE

- Each cohort will begin in January and continue through spring. The date and time of their monthly cohorts will be determined as a group, based on group members' availability
- An event with all cohorts will be scheduled for the spring. Date: TBD

BOOKS

- 1. Marriage: Six Gospel Commitments Every Couple Needs to Make
- 2. Four Habits of Joy-Filled Marriages Marcus Warner and Chris Coursey



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