

Welcome To Marriage Care at **The Journey Church**

MARRIAGE PREPARATION **7 Step Marriage Preparation Process**

Most couples planning to get married spend a great deal of time, energy and money on a wedding ceremony that lasts a few hours. But they spend little time acquiring relationship skills needed to have a marriage that could last 50 plus years.

At The Journey Church we can't guarantee a successful marriage, but we are pleased to provide the opportunity and tools for you, as a couple, to build a Strong Marriage Relationship.

The following 7 Step Marriage Preparation Process is a unique occasion for you and your partner to learn about yourselves and each other, while acquiring practical skills that will enhance your relationship with each other now, and into the future.

All of the pastors at our church follow this process. It is a requirement that all couples, of all ages desiring to become married through The Journey Church follow this process.

We trust this will be a meaningful and valuable experience for you.

If you are not currently planning to have your wedding through The Journey Church we invite you to consider it, so you too can receive this high level of marriage preparation care.

Step 1 – First Contact

Please don't delay your first contact with the church or pastor. We like to know about your marriage a year in advance of your wedding date. We understand that this is not always possible, but don't delay. Let us know as soon as possible.

- a) Complete and submit the Wedding Request Form attached with this form, print and bring it to the church office.
- b) Or you may contact one of our pastors. The pastor will provide you with the Wedding Request Forms and explain our 7 Step Marriage Preparation Process.

Step 2 – Meet with the Pastor | Wedding Request Form will be Processed

As a couple you must meet with one of our Journey Church pastors to discuss your plans and our Marriage Preparation process, even if another pastor will be conducting your ceremony.

Step 3 – **As a Couple You Will Meet With Our Marriage Preparation Facilitator**

- a) Your pastor will give you the contact information of one of our Certified Facilitators for you to arrange your first session at a time convenient for you and your partner. There are a total of seven sessions, one introductory session and six “feedback” sessions. (Reminder: the cost is \$300.00 and is required at this first meeting.)
- b) As you meet, the facilitator gets to know you better by asking a few relationship questions. He or she will then explain the seven session marriage preparation process, the online survey which you and your partner complete separately, confirm next meeting and gather personal and legal information.

Step 4 - **Facilitator Connects with Pastor**

Your facilitator will complete a short report, based on the couple sessions, for The Journey Church pastor as part of the couple care process.

Step 5 – **As a Couple You Meet with the Pastor**

- a) Your Journey Church pastor will ask some marriage/relationship questions, and present the Ceremony Information Pack; discuss the contents and answer questions i.e. rehearsal and ceremony.
- b) If another pastor is conducting the ceremony, you will meet with him/her at this time.
- c) Any applicable wedding fees must be paid in full at this time.

Step 6 - **Rehearsal and Ceremony**

Step 7 - **Facilitator Follow-up | Couple Check-up**

- a) As part of our Marriage Care, your facilitator will contact you (*follow-up*) by email or phone between one and three times during the first year of marriage.
- b) The intention is to check-in with each partner, reflect on the sessions with a brief overview and any specifics, ask a few relationship questions and offer encouragement and support. If one or both partners desire one or more sessions, this can be arranged with the facilitator. Also, you will be encouraged to take the online Couple Check-up (to be done after one year of marriage).

We (*the undersigned*) have read and understand The Journey Church Wedding Request Form and 7 Step Marriage Preparation Process. By signing below, we agree to have our wedding through The Journey Church, and follow this church's process for Marriage Preparation (contained on the Wedding Request Form and the 7 Step Process for Marriage Preparation).

Bride: _____

Groom: _____

Date: _____

MARRIAGE PREPARATION AT THE JOURNEY CHURCH

WEDDING REQUEST FORM

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Why did you decide to have your Wedding Ceremony through The Journey Church?

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Bride's Information

Name	
Address	
City/Prov.	
Postal code	
Phone (s)	
Email	

Groom's Information

Name	
Address	
City/Prov.	
Postal code	
Phone (s)	
Email	

WEDDING REQUEST FORM

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Complete the information you are certain of so far.

Wedding date:			Wedding Time:	
Wedding Location:	Allison Campus?		Other Location?	
	Riverview Campus?			
Rehearsal date:			Rehearsal Time:	
Name of pastor you request to perform your wedding?				

Please note that Marriage Preparation and Enrichment by a certified Journey Church facilitator is necessary for you to be married at/through The Journey Church. The cost includes a private relationship assessment plus 7 sessions (One Introduction and 6 Feedback Sessions) with our certified facilitator. It's a total investment of \$300.00.

OFFICE USE: Pre-Marriage Counseling will be completed by: _____

Wedding Fees and Honorariums

	Cost	Your Totals
Pre-marriage counselling	\$300.00	\$300.00
Custodian	\$75.00	\$75.00
Sound Technician	\$75.00	\$75.00
Admin. Fees	\$75.00	\$75.00
Mileage for off-site locations	.52 per km	
Additional Technicians	\$75.00 each	
Instrumentalist	\$75.00	
Soloist	\$75.00	
Video starting at	\$75.00	
Pastor suggested honorarium	\$100.00	
TOTAL		

Please note that payment for marriage preparation and enrichment is due at your first meeting with the facilitator. All other payments are due when you meet with your Journey Church pastor. Cash and cheques are accepted. Please make Marriage Preparation amount payable to your facilitator and the other amount payable to *The Journey Church*. If support funds are needed, the couple must provide a wedding budget.

(The instruments will remain on the stage, however, dividers and lighted trees can be used to hide them. Fees are subject to change)