

PRE-MARRIAGE QUESTIONNAIRE

This questionnaire is designed to prepare you and your Mentor Couple for the pre-marriage process. Answer each question openly and honestly to the best of your knowledge.

Do not discuss your answers with each other until after you have finished the questionnaire. This will be read by a pastor and a Mentor Couple.

Personal History

Name: _____

Requested Date & Time of Ceremony _____

Requested Date & Time of Rehearsal _____

Location of Ceremony _____

Birth Date and Age: _____

Hometown: _____

Current Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Occupation: _____

Years at the job: _____

Education (last year completed): _____

Siblings (gender and age): _____

Marital Status (never been married, widowed, divorced): _____

Health Problems: _____

Family History

Father:

Name: _____

Living (If not, date of death)? _____

Age: _____

Occupation: _____

Education (last year completed): _____

Marital Status:

Married _____ years Widowed (Date: _____) Divorced (Date: _____)

Christian: _____

Church: _____

Mother:

Name: _____

Living (If not, date of death)? _____

Age: _____

Occupation: _____

Education (last year completed): _____

Marital Status:

Married _____ yrs Widowed (Date: _____) Divorced (Date: _____)

Christian: _____

Church: _____

1. Is there anything about your parent's marriage that would be helpful to know? Any major marital crisis?

2. Is there anything about yourself or your past that you think might seriously affect your marriage? Was there alcohol abuse in your family, lack of affirmation, emotional, sexual or physical abuse?

3. Is there any way in which there is still a dependency or something unresolved between you and your parents? Do you experience any conflict with siblings? Co-workers? Roommates? How do these usually get handled?

4. List the strengths of your parent's marriage.

Biblical Foundations for Marriage

5. What is the gospel? Define the gospel in a paragraph.

6. When and how did you place your faith in Jesus as your Savior and Lord? Provide a summary of your conversion story.

7. Describe your present relationship with God and with the local church. What is God doing in your life right now—how is he humbling/growing you? How often are you reading your Bible? What are you currently reading? What is your prayer life like? How connected and accountable are you within the Riverview church body? Who do you go to for counsel and accountability? Is there any part of your life that they are not currently aware of? How are you currently serving in the church?

8. How would you define the purpose of a Christian marriage?

9. What is your understanding of the purpose of engagement?

Your Relationship

10. How long have you known your fiancé? How did you meet? When, and why, did you become convinced that you wanted to marry each other?

11. What is your parent's attitude toward your fiancé?

12. How do you perceive your prospective in-laws' attitude toward you?

13. What type of relationship do you expect to have with your parents and your in-laws after you are married?

14. Have any family members or friends stated any reservations or concerns about your engagement to your fiancé? What are they?

15. What are the relational strengths you bring to your prospective marriage?

16. What do you consider to be your weaknesses as a prospective husband or wife?

17. State honestly any fears, concerns, or apprehensions you feel about your anticipated marriage.

18. To be answered by the woman: Do you have any reservations or concerns about your fiancé's spiritual life; his ability to lead you, care for you, love and provide for you? What would they be? In which areas do you see that your fiancé needs to grow?

19. To be answered by the man: Do you have any reservations or concerns about your fiancé's spiritual life; her ability to respect you, follow you, and submit to your leadership? What would they be? In which areas do you see that your fiancé needs to grow?

20. What does the biblical phrase, "the husband is the head of the wife" mean to you?

21. What are some issues about which the two of you have different opinions?
How do you handle these differences with your fiancé?

22. What was the last conflict that you had with each other? How did you resolve it?

23. How do you expect to cultivate your faith together after you are married?

24. How do you handle money? How does your fiancé handle money? What financial concerns do you have about your relationship? How much debt do you currently have? What is your attitude towards debt, use of credit cards, etc.?

25. Who will manage your family finances? Do you have a tentative budget?

26. What are your expectations about situations where one of you might be alone with someone of the opposite sex?

27. What are your thoughts about children? How soon would you like to have children? How many? If you should be unable to have children, would you adopt a child?

28. How would your parenting of your children differ from that which you received?

29. What does sexual purity look like in your relationship right now? Are you abstaining from sex and sexual intimacy? Has this characterized your relationship from the beginning? Explain.

30. Anything else your Mentor Couple should know about you or your relationship—areas of gladness in your relationship, areas of regret in your relationship, significant events from your past, etc.?

31. Please read the Couple's Covenant, and be prepared to sign it during your Orientation Interview.