

MarriedPeople: Re-engage & Rejuvenate

A marriage ministry strategy offered through Williamson's Chapel United Methodist Church

MarriedPeople* is more than a curriculum or program. It is a marriage strategy that is proactive instead of reactive. This strategy introduces couples to what we call the "Core 4 Habits of a Great Marriage."

SO, WHAT ARE THE CORE 4 HABITS?

God's way for marriage might not be easy to live out, but it is certainly easy to understand. God gives us only a few verses on how husbands and wives should love each other. We believe He did that on purpose. From the precious few scripture verses on marriage come these habits—

>>Have Serious Fun

Having fun as a couple is not optional; it's essential. We believe the best way to protect your marriage is to enjoy it regularly.

>>Respect and Love

Of the few verses God gives to husbands and wives, the directive to respect and love is commanded more than any other. This truth really can set us free when we understand the interplay of respect and love.

>>Love God First

When Jesus was asked about the greatest commandment, His answer was to love God with all you are and to love others as well as you love yourself. Loving God in your individual life greatly impacts your married life.

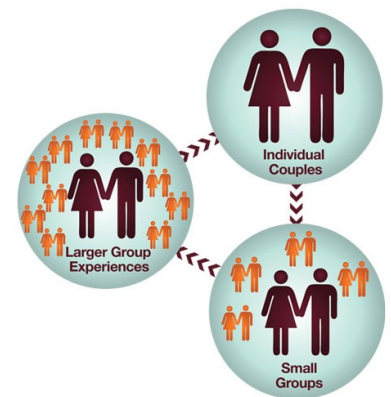
>>Practice Your Promise

Our spouses trusted that we would do what we promised when we said "I do"—to love each other and to stay together no matter what. Knowing and experiencing a lasting commitment is vital to every marriage.

SO, HOW DOES THIS STRATEGY GET THE MARRIEDPEOPLE CORE 4 HABITS INTO THE LIVES OF MARRIED COUPLES?

The MarriedPeople strategy instills the Core 4 Habits of a Great Marriage by—

- **Inspiring Larger Group Experiences**—3 x a year—each focusing on one of the core 4 habits.
- **Empowering Small Groups and Studies**— Periodically throughout the year we offer short term studies on marriage and all couples are invited to attend.
- **Equipping Individual Couples**—at home date night opportunities, monthly emails with helpful marriage tools, church sponsored date nights.



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