

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 may attend. A couple does not have to be a member of our church to participate.

When are the sessions held?

The dates are March 3rd, April 28, September 8th and November 3rd. Sessions will be held in Room 306 from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm. 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 a trained facilitator couple, 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?

Childcare is available for those that need it.

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*, including all materials, snacks, etc 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.



How do we sign up?

Go online at ilpc.church/gracemarriage and click "Register" on the page. You may also sign up in the Worship Center Lobby.

How do we pay?

You may pay on the church website or by check at the Grace Marriage signup table. A *non-refundable* fee of \$200 is due upon signing, and the balance is due by the first session on March 3rd.

Is there a deadline?

Yes. Participants must be registered **Sunday, Feb 18th**. Don't hesitate - go online and sign up today.

Please contact Dan & Heather Thomas for more information or with any questions.