

WHAT IS THE COST?

The cost is \$40 per couple to help offset costs for materials and childcare. A notebook will be provided for each participant. No other book is required.

The child care during the workshop is free. This has resulted in a large number of couples with young children to be able to attend. Registration of children needing childcare is required. There is a childcare form that will need to be completed.

In addition, we will offer the opportunity to sign up to come for dinner beforehand for couples and children attending childcare for a modest cost. Meals will begin on the second week of the workshop.

The meals provided have been a delicious and helpful option for busy families to be able to attend the workshop. It's also been a great way for couples to connect individually, as a family, or with other couples for social interaction. With an inexpensive meal, free childcare, and time to focus on their marriages, many couples consider attending IMW to be 9 weeks of regular date nights! Information regarding how to sign up for meals will be given the first week of the workshop.

HOW TO REGISTER

Go to www.faithchurch.net and click on the link to register for the Intimate Marriage Workshop.

Registration begins 2/2/20 and ends 3/1/20.

However, early registration is important for printing materials, group placement, and making childcare arrangements!

Intimate

Marriage Workshop

March 9 - May 11, 2020

9 Week Workshop held on Monday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 pm at Faith Church, Milford, OH. Childcare is available. Register at www.faithchurch.net

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE IMW?

Since 2006, the Intimate Marriage Workshop (IMW) is an annual 9-week workshop that is designed to strengthen marriages. This year, it is offered on Monday evenings, March 9 - May 11, from 7:00-9:00 pm. The Bible-based curriculum will teach couples how to have distinctively Christian marriages as God originally intended. In addition to the Bible based teaching, there is a companion workbook for each participant with interactive step-by-step exercises for couples to strengthen their relationship.

Each evening, there will be a presentation, followed by a discussion of the principle being learned, and applied in same gender groups (of four) or couples groups (of eight). There will also be time for individual couples to practice the exercises privately.

The same gender and couples groups are led by trained Table Leaders and are arranged according to the life stage of the couple. They provide a safe environment for discussing principles without being intrusive regarding relationship struggles. Every year, table discussion has consistently been rated as one of the highlights of the Intimate Marriage Workshop.

WHO IS PRESENTING THE WORKSHOP?

Dick Lehman has served as the Caring Ministries Pastor for the past 20 years at Faith Church. He is a Licensed Professional Counselor, has received training in marital therapy with the Gottman Institute, and has been involved in helping couples strengthen their marriages for the past 30 years. He has been married to his wife Susie for 40 years and has 4 sons (three who are married), and four grandchildren. Susie will be a co-teacher with her husband Dick as they present the material of IMW together.

WHAT IS TAUGHT AT IMW?

Using the Bible as our guide, we will learn how to have distinctively Christian marriages as God originally intended. The curriculum consists of three parts: 1) God's Original Design for Marriage; 2) The Effect of the Fall on Marriage; 3) How to have a Redemptive Marriage. In addition to this teaching, couples will have the opportunity to discuss and apply some practical exercises pertaining to the Biblical principles. Couples have found these exercises to be very helpful. While the teaching is based on the Bible, IMW welcomes those who do not attend a church (or attend another church) and seeks to make it a comfortable place for everyone regardless of religious affiliation.

WHO SHOULD COME TO THE IM WORKSHOP?

- Couples from all life stages: engaged couples; young couples without children; couples with young children; couples with teens, and empty nesters.

- Couples desiring to grow in their marriage through equipping themselves with tools to strengthen their relationship.
- Couples hurting in their marriage and wanting to work through their difficulties in a healthier way.
- Couples' small groups who desire to come together for a session to experience the IM Workshop as a significant growth opportunity, or who want to support a hurting couple by attending with them.

WHO SHOULD NOT ATTEND THE WORKSHOP?

The Intimate Marriage Workshop is not appropriate for couples experiencing severe relationship distress, significant emotional and/or physical abuse, serious emotional or mental health problems where one or both partners are actively addicted to drugs and/or alcohol, and relationships with serious compulsive behavior with gambling, sexual acting out, and other disruptive behaviors. In such instances, referrals can be made for individual or couples counseling instead of attending the workshop.

DO I NEED TO BE A FAITH CHURCH MEMBER?

No, you do not. This workshop is open to all, regardless of religious affiliation or personal beliefs. We do base our teaching on biblical principles that lead to practical application for the development of healthy marriages within the context of a safe, caring, and non-judgmental community. We welcome couples outside of the Faith Church family, including those who attend other churches, or are uncertain about their own Christian commitment.