

Pre-Marriage Requisites

Our desire is for each couple to establish a solid foundation for their marriage and equip them to weather the challenges ahead. Participating in one of these options below will help equip you for this lifetime commitment. Plan to complete at least one of the options below. Know that happiness is not the highest purpose for living. God's heart is that we be holy like His Son Jesus. As a result, we want to follow the principles of His Word knowing that true joy is found in obeying the One who created us and gave His life for us.

Plan to complete one or more of these three options:

- **Attend a "Ready to Wed" small group.**
 - This group is offered twice a year for 12 weeks, beginning on the: A) first Sunday in March; B) first Sunday in September after Labor Day.
 - Groups meet Sunday mornings, 9:00 AM, at the main campus in Middleburg Heights.
 - Materials include two textbooks and workbooks (\$40 per couple) and weekly video.
 - To prepare for a successful marriage, plan on 90 minutes of weekly homework which includes opportunities for excellent discussion between one another.
 - During group discussion, there are opportunities to share experiences and questions with fellow members and mentor couples.
 - For questions or to register for an upcoming group, contact Susan Blossom at slbloomer679@gmail.com.
- **Meet with a licensed Christian counselor** as an alternative (or addition). We have two affiliated counselors who offer "Ready to Wed" counseling but they book up quickly. If interested in one of our counselors, please reach out to schedule 4 sessions as soon as possible.
 - Contact info: counseling@gracecma.org or call 440.243.4885 x202.
- **Another option for premarital preparation: Attend the Weekend to Remember Conference** (Fri-Sun) which happens in dozens of cities around the nation throughout the year.
<https://www.familylife.com/weekend-to-remember>. (Be sure to ask for the ENGAGED COUPLES TRACK.)