

PREMARITAL CLASS AGREEMENT

Couple's Form

While you spend countless hours preparing for your wedding, ABC Church commits to help you and your mate prepare for your marriage. While we are delighted about your decision to start a lifetime together, we are excited about preparing you to experience all marriage has to offer!

- *Do you know that the Bible is filled with great insights and advice on how to have a great marriage in the 21st Century?*
- *Have you heard that research backs that couples who take part in premarital education are less likely to divorce than those couples who do not participate in pre-marital education?*
- *Do you know that surveys show that married couples who took part in premarital education say they have more satisfaction with their marriage and their mate, and resolve conflict and communicate better, than couples who did not have premarital education?*

This is why ABC Church offers premarital education, and requires it for any couple being married by an ABC Church pastor and/or at ABC Church. We want what's best for you and your mate, and ABC Church is committed to help your marriage go the distance ... before and after the wedding day!

What is ABC Church's Before "I Do" Program?

While we know that your time is valuable, and that almost every moment is accounted for between now and your wedding day; we believe that rushing you through a premarital experience will not serve you very well. ABC Church's Before "I Do" Program is a combination of in-class instruction and out-of-class, interactive reading materials.

The class is facilitated by a gifted and trained married couple that we call, Marriage Investors. Couples will complete assigned sections out of the *Before "I Do" – Preparing for the Full Marriage Experience workbook* (by K. Jason Krafsky) prior to class. Classes are scheduled every other Wednesday evening for 75-minutes, and are limited to eight couples per class.

The steps in ABC Church's Before "I Do" Program include:

1. *Couple interview with a pastor and meet your Marriage Investors.*
2. *Fill out the Prepare Relationship Inventory.*
3. *Consult with your Marriage Investors privately regarding your Prepare Relationship Inventory results.*
4. *Complete each section in the Before "I Do" workbooks and attend all eight Before "I Do" classes.*
5. *Meet for a private, premarital wrap-up with your Marriage Investors.*

**At your one-year anniversary, meet with your Marriage Investors for a couple's check-up.*

What Topics are Covered in ABC Church's Before "I Do" Program?

There is so much to learn, and so little time. That is why ABC Church's Before "I Do" Program covers the most important topics and issues to get your marriage off to a great start! Here are just some of the great topics that are covered throughout the program:

- **Prepare the Marriage Bed for a Lifetime of Pleasure** (*sexual intimacy*)
- **Plan for Your Future Together, Together** (*goals, finances and budgeting*)
- **Fight With Your Mate and Please God Too** (*conflict resolution and successful communication*)
- **Survive a Positive Identity Change** (*roles in marriage, in-laws, and expectations*)
- **Lay the Foundation for a Lifelong Marriage** (*purpose of marriage, covenant, and the vows*)

We guarantee that you and your mate will learn all kinds of new insights and relationship skills through the workbooks, the classes, and your Marriage Investors.

What is Expected of Couples Who Participate in the Before “I Do” Program?

As a Christian congregation, the materials and teachings in the our program are Bible-based, and intended for couples seeking a Christian marriage. At the same time, we understand that people may be at a different stage in their spiritual journey with God, and we welcome your questions and spiritual inquiries throughout the program.

You and your mate need to complete ABC Church’s Before “I Do” Program at least four weeks before your wedding day. While we have done everything in our power to make this process work for your busy schedules, it is your responsibility to follow the steps in a timely basis, to manage your own schedule, and to complete the assignments between each class. If a schedule conflict arises, it is your responsibility to contact your Marriage Investors to cancel and reschedule.

Again, we congratulate you on your engagement, and ABC Church commits to pray for you as a couple as you prepare for your marriage.

Pastor John Doe, the leadership, and staff of ABC Church

**Please Complete Form Below, Sign, Keep a Copy for Your Records,
and Send a Copy to the Church Office.**

We, _____ and _____ ,

understand that ABC Church requires couples being married by an ABC Church pastor and/or at the ABC Church facility to complete the Before “I Do” Program. We also understand that failure to complete all steps of the program could result in the inability of having the ABC Church facility and/or the ABC Church pastor for our wedding. ABC Church will be held harmless and not liable for withdrawing their participation from our wedding if we do not complete these requirements.

We will, (check all boxes to acknowledge agreement with them)

- Complete all steps of ABC Church’s Before “I Do” Program at least four weeks before our wedding;
- Complete all out-of-class assignments prior to class;
- Attend all meetings and classes on time, and if we need to cancel or miss a class, we will take the responsibility of rescheduling with our Marriage Investors.

Our wedding day is planned for _____ ,which means, we must complete ABC Church’s Before “I Do” Program by_____ .

Signature of Male

Signature of Female

Date