

GCC “Forever One” Pre-Marriage Class

Grace Covenant Church offers a pre-marriage class, “Forever One”, to those couples that are engaged or considering marriage. The class is 8 weeks in length and is offered at the church, usually on Wednesday evenings. For engaged couples, we view this class as an important part of your preparation time before your “big day”. For those not engaged but considering marriage we believe this class will help you to hear and determine if you are ready to take that next big step.

“Forever One” is biblically based and will challenge you to view marriage as God does – as a wonderful union where he longs to reveal his love in a committed and lifelong relationship. The class will explore God’s design for marriage as a “one flesh” covenant relationship. While it will challenge the couple to grow together spiritually it will also cover such practical areas as communication skills, day-to-day roles in marriage, and finances.

During the first class, couples will have the opportunity to take the “FOCCUS Inventory” – a comprehensive questionnaire assessment of your relationship. At the conclusion of the class you will get to review and discuss the results of this inventory to better understand your areas of strength as well as possible conflict areas.

For those who will be married by a GCC pastor, the “Forever One” class as well as the follow on mentoring process is required. While we are sensitive to your wedding plans and schedule, we will encourage you to take the class at least 4-6 months prior to your wedding date. This allows time to complete the class as well as the mentoring process, which will follow the class.

We have found that one of the best ways to help a newly married couple get off on the right foot is with the assistance of an experienced, happily married mentor couple. The primary role of the mentor couple is to review your FOCCUS Inventory results with you. This process will generally require 6-8 meetings with your mentor couple.

Grace Covenant Church’s pastoral position on pre-marriage preparation is as follows:

- ❖ All engaged couples should have pre-marriage counseling to help them prepare for marriage and to confirm that it is part of God’s best for them to marry at this time. “Forever One” and marriage mentoring are wonderful ways to help any couple desiring a Godly marriage.
- ❖ Those couples being married by a GCC pastor must agree to attend the “Forever One” classes and complete the follow-on mentoring process.
- ❖ GCC members getting married, but not by a GCC pastor, are encouraged to participate in “Forever One” and the mentoring process, but are not required to do so. But, if the couple agrees to take the FOCCUS inventory then they understand that they are making a commitment to complete the inventory review process with their assigned mentor couple.
- ❖ Non-GCC members are free to participate in “Forever One” and the mentoring process. If the couple agrees to take the FOCCUS inventory then they understand that they are making a commitment to complete the inventory review process with their assigned mentor couple

As a couple interested in pre-marriage preparation, we understand and agree with the above.

His Signature: _____ Date: _____

Her Signature: _____ Date: _____