

Marriage Mentors

What does “premarital mentoring” mean?

- Premarital mentoring involves an experienced couple guiding a pre-engaged or engaged couple through the SYMBIS curriculum during the pre-wedding period and meeting with them after the wedding to check in. Mentor and mentee couples individually, as we do not offer group classes (For more information, visit this link: [Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts](#))

Can I use or substitute other material I am familiar with?

- We require that all TVC Premarital Mentors use the SYMBIS curriculum to create continuity and clarity within the ministry.

What are the requirements to become a premarital mentor?

- To become a premarital mentor, you must be TVC members, over 21 years of age, married for at least 10 years, and have experienced 3 or more major life events (illness, children, death of a family member, marriage struggle, job change).

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What training do you provide?

- We provide training on TVC's internal processes, and senior leaders of the ministry provide more in-depth training on guiding couples through the SYMBIS materials and how to answer difficult questions as they arise. You will also complete a general online course provided by SYMBIS.

When and where do we meet with an engaged couple?

- It's flexible! The choice of meeting days and times are based on the mentor's and engaged couple's availability. We recommend that mentoring occur in the mentor's home to maintain privacy and facilitate open discussions in a warm and welcoming location.

What is the time commitment to mentor an engaged couple?

- You will meet with your mentee couple for 8-10 sessions over a period of three months or more, preceding the wedding. TVC leaders request mentors to follow up with each married couple on a regular basis during the first year.

What is the difference between "mentoring" and "professional counseling"?

- TVC premarital mentors help individuals understand the fundamental aspects of marriage. Mentors are there to help facilitate conversation between the couple, not give advice. Mentors do not decide if an engaged couple should be or should not be married. Mentors encourage the engaged couple to rely on God for direction and decision-making.