

10 Steps to Establishing or Enhancing Marriage Ministry in the Local Church

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**Pray & Engage
Key Leaders
with a Vision**

Seek wisdom and unity with senior pastors, elders, and key ministry leaders.

Cover the vision in prayer, asking the Lord for guidance, support, and discernment.

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**Normalize
Marriage
Conversations**

Incorporate marriage-related content into sermons, prayers, and announcements.

Publicly share the intention to support marriages through a new or revitalized ministry.

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**Distribute a
Marriage
Health
Survey**

Understand the current health of marriages in the congregation.

Identify needs, concerns, and topics for future ministry focus.

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**Form a
Core Team**

Recruit passionate, spiritually mature couples with a variety of gifts and talents to help lead.

Clearly communicate roles and expectations as interest grows.

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**Create a
One-Year
Ministry Plan**

Define goals, purpose or mission (e.g., strengthening communication, enriching marriages).

Outline key events and measurable outcomes.

6 Include Marriage Ministry in the Church Budget

Plan for training, resources, events, childcare, and promotional materials.

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Train the Core Team

Equip leaders with biblical foundations and review confidentiality guidelines.

Possibly partner with external marriage ministries or use proven curriculum.*

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Implement Marriage Small Groups

Start small group gatherings for couples (varied by life stage or topic).

Focus on connection, learning, and support.

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Develop New Leaders from Within

Identify emerging leaders from small groups.

Provide additional training and mentoring to expand the ministry's reach.

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Continue Through Evaluation & Growth

Regularly assess progress with feedback from couples and leaders.

Celebrate wins and adjust based on what's working or needs improvement.



- Looking for recommendations for marriage curriculum?
- Need resources to help plan a date night?
- Want a marriage health survey to share with your church?

Scan the QR Code!



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