Why is My Relationship With Jesus So Important in My Marriage?

God has never promised anyone an easy marriage. Marriage is God's design and therefore He knows all about the struggles you will face. His word has a lot to say about marriage but it also has a lot to say about how to live in love towards others which includes our spouse. A Close relationship with Jesus changes us for the good and makes our marriage relationship honoring to God and fulfilling to one another.

Why Get Married Anyway?

Well if you are not following the ways of Jesus and His teachings then I guess there isn't much reason to get married. However if you are a believer and follower of Christ and are in an intimate or look to be in an intimate relationship with someone of the opposite sex, marriage is what is right and best.

God says it is for this reason that a man leaves his father and mother and will cling to his wife and the two will become one flesh. This act of sexual union is a part of a total commitment to forsake all others and cling to one person until death parts us. Any other sexual union without this specific commitment goes against God's good will for our lives, is sin and only bring needless pain and turmoil to our lives. So getting married is God's plan and it's a great life when you do it for the right reasons and with the right understanding.

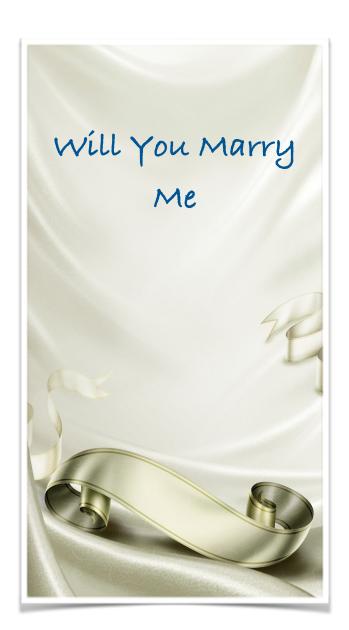
Needful Information

If you would like to talk with someone about your decision to pursue marriage please call

440.636.2836

North East Community Plan For Successful Marriages





Marriage Defined

Marriage is the commitment of male and female to each other for life, reflecting Christ's sacrificial love for the Church. As such marriage is intended to be permanent and divorce an infraction of the clear teaching of Christ. Because of the sacredness of this institution, ordained by God, it should not be entered into lightly. Marriage should be entered into by a male and female only after earnest prayer for divine direction and a Biblical and practical understanding is attained by the individuals.

(Genesis 1:26-28, 31; 2:21-24; Malachi 2:13-16; Matthew 19:3-9; John 2:1-11)

With this understanding,
Northeast Community
Church,
before God and those we
serve, take this
responsibility seriously
before and after the
wedding.

Convictions and Scriptural Beliefs

As representatives of Christ and according to the scriptures, North East Community Church of the Nazarene is not at liberty to conduct marriages under the following circumstances:

North East Community Church of the Nazarene is not at liberty to marry individuals of the same sex.

North East Community Church of the Nazarene is not at liberty to conduct marriages with those couples who have differing faiths. (Jewish & Protestant, etc)

North East Community Church of the Nazarene is not at liberty to marry couples where one is a believer in Christ Jesus and one is not.

North East Community Church of the Nazarene ascribes to the same biblical view of marriage as stated in our manual paragraph 30.0, 30.2, 32, 514.10, and 536.16

North East Community's Plan For Marriage

First Things First

A couple who wishes to be married should read the information in this brochure carefully. If they agree to the guidelines they may complete and submit a marriage application.

The Application

Each Couple desiring to be married must fill out an application (Individually) and return it to the church office. When the application has been reviewed the applicants will be contacted to set up an appointment. This appointment will consist of an interview with an elder from the church to discuss the possibility and procedure for marriage at North East Community Church.

Spiritual Commitment

At this time we desire that the couple be involved in a personal growing relationship with Jesus as well as being involved in a group study with others. If you have not made this life decision we ask that each couple ask an elder of the church to help them pursue an intimate relationship with Jesus.

Marriage Counseling

There will be 8-10 sessions with another married couple from North East Community or another couple/ counselor/pastor approved by our elders. These sessions are to help couples look at the challenges of marriage. We also ask the couple to continue at least a year mentoring relationship with that couple or person.