



## Pre-Marriage Questionnaire

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Each person should fill out and return this questionnaire *before* your first meeting with Pastor so that he can overview your responses and prepare for your first visit.

### Background & Contact Information

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (cell)\_\_\_\_\_ (home)\_\_\_\_\_

(can you receive texts?) Yes/No

Age\_\_\_\_\_ Email\_\_\_\_\_

Occupation\_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known each other?\_\_\_\_\_

Where will you live as you're preparing for your wedding?

Preferred date and time of wedding.

What made you want to be married at Trinity rather than another church or a justice of the peace?

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## **The Faith Passed Down to You...**

What does it mean to be a Christian?

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Do you believe that you are a Christian? Why?

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What is your church background and current involvement?

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Describe how you have been growing in Christ.

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## **Why do you want to get married?**

Do your parents approve of the marriage? If not, what do you think of their reasons?

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Do you feel pressured to get married?

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What are some qualities that draw you to want to marry him/her?

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What are some things that frighten you or make you feel anxious about getting married?

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## Expectations

### ***Commitment to Jesus***

We believe that marriage reflects the relationship that we have to Jesus on an *individual* level as well as the relationship that Jesus shares with the Church on a *communal* level. It's important then that marriage is not taken lightly. It's actually a great deal of work. As one marriage booklet puts it, "You don't expect to get other jobs without qualifications -- so there are qualifications for marriage."

One major qualification is that you need to be on the same page. You both need to be committed to faithfully following Jesus. If you're both not focused on one point -- that is, Jesus -- He will be replaced with something else. To go into marriage with a non-Christian is inadvisable because of that (2 Corinthians 6:14).

It just makes sense. If you differ on core, important parts of your lives, you won't share a growing relationship when it comes to those important things (whether it's commitment to Jesus or even college football). So does commitment to Jesus matter to the two of you?

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### ***Commitment to following Jesus***

GOD calls His people to live patiently waiting for a spouse. This means in part that refraining from sexual relations is a way of demonstrating faithfulness to GOD and to one another. So are you ready to commit to living in such a way that reflects GOD's desires by refraining from being sexually involved before the wedding?

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An important part of marriage is communicating in ways that reflect the work of the Holy Spirit (love, peace, patience, kindness...). What are some ongoing disagreements -- big or small -- that you are working on with him/her? What are some disagreements that you resolved satisfactorily?

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***Resolving the past...***

Do you currently have any sort of debt (e.g. credit card, student loans, personal)?

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Does your debt create for you any sort of anxiety? If so, why?

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If this isn't your first marriage, on what grounds were you divorced?

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Have you sought reconciliation with your former spouse?

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