

Marriage Mentoring
Bethel Church
Mentor/Mentee Couple Boundaries

As Mentors and Mentees we agree to establish a set of boundaries for communication. The following list is not meant to be all inclusive. Each individual mentor couple will work with their mentee couple to determine the best methods of communications and parameters for mutual respect in order to honor and respect one another appropriately.

Please discuss each topic to identify if one may be sensitive to you.

- Times of availability – Day, night, evenings, weekends, etc Appropriate and acceptable times of contact.
- Locations of availability – venues, public, private, etc. Appropriate and inappropriate places for conversation.
- Preferred methods of communication – work email/phone, personal email, text, phone
- Husband/Wife roles – mentor couples do not keep secrets from one another in order to honor the “oneness” of the marital relationship. However, it is understood that information shared between an individual mentee and mentor will not be transferred via the mentor couple if it is not appropriate. Couples will work collectively for productive, truthful communication. The role of the mentor couple is to support unity, not individualism.
- Male/Female mentoring – when one-on-one communication occurs it is only to occur via husbands to husbands and wives to wives.
- Privacy – Mentor and Mentee couples must respect one another’s privacy. Privacy refers to “The Person” regarding how mentor/mentee couples are contacted, identified, publicized, etc.
- Confidentiality – Mentor and Mentee couples must maintain a strict level of confidentiality. Any discovery of breach of confidentiality will be discussed on the first occurrence. Any second breach will not be tolerated.
- Language – please be respectful of one another’s comfort level with language
- Gifts – it’s understandable that couples may way to purchase gifts as a gesture of thanks or friendship. Please use discretion or consult with Marriage Ministry team if questioning.
- Other – feel free to establish any other boundaries deemed fitting.