

ADVANCED MARRIAGE TRAINING™

Church Marriage Readiness Assessment™

Gauge readiness. Identify needs. Choose the right next step.

A practical self-assessment for pastors, church leaders, and marriage ministry teams

Purpose

This assessment helps your church identify its current readiness to begin, strengthen, or expand a marriage ministry. It is not a pass-or-fail test. It is a planning tool designed to reveal strengths, gaps, and realistic next steps.

Who should complete it? The pastor, ministry leader, or a small leadership team. For the most useful results, discuss each statement together and agree on one rating.

Estimated time: 15–20 minutes

How to Complete the Assessment

1. Read each statement and rate how accurately it describes your church today.
2. Use the 1–5 scale below. Choose one response for every statement.
3. Add the scores within each section, then calculate the overall score.
4. Use the interpretation guide to select the most appropriate next step.

1	2	3	4	5
Not in place	Beginning	Partly in place	Mostly in place	Fully in place

1. Leadership Alignment

Statement	1	2	3	4	5	Score
1. Church leadership recognizes marriage strengthening as part of the church's discipleship mission.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
2. A pastor or senior leader is willing to champion the marriage ministry.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
3. Leaders can explain why the church needs a marriage ministry now.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
4. The church is willing to assign responsibility for coordinating the ministry.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Section Total						___ / 20

2. Congregational Need and Interest

Statement	1	2	3	4	5	Score
5. Our church has evidence that couples want marriage-related support or enrichment.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
6. Leaders understand the major relationship needs affecting couples in the congregation.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
7. The church is willing to gather input from couples before finalizing programming.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
8. There is enough likely participation to support an initial class, group, or event.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Section Total						___ / 20

3. Biblical and Ministry Foundation

Statement	1	2	3	4	5	Score
9. The church has a clear biblical philosophy of marriage and family ministry.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
10. Potential teaching resources are consistent with the church's doctrine and values.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
11. The ministry will connect marriage growth with discipleship and service.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
12. Leaders understand that marriage ministry should be more than a single annual event.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Section Total						____ / 20

4. Leadership Team and Facilitators

Statement	1	2	3	4	5	Score
13. At least one dependable person or couple could coordinate the ministry.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
14. Potential facilitators demonstrate maturity, confidentiality, and respect for pastoral oversight.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
15. The church is prepared to train facilitators before they begin teaching or leading groups.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
16. Roles and responsibilities can be clearly assigned to the ministry team.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Section Total						____ / 20

5. Resources and Operational Capacity

Statement	1	2	3	4	5	Score
17. The church can provide an appropriate meeting space or online delivery option.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
18. The church can support basic costs for materials, promotion, and participant access.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
19. The church has communication channels for inviting and following up with couples.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
20. The church can establish registration, attendance, and resource-distribution procedures.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	

Section Total

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6. Implementation and Sustainability

Statement	1	2	3	4	5	Score
21. The church can identify a realistic starting format for the ministry.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
22. Leaders are willing to begin at a scale that matches current capacity.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
23. The church can evaluate participation, feedback, and outcomes after the launch.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
24. The church is prepared to improve and expand the ministry over time.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	

Section Total

___ / 20

Scoring Summary

Readiness Area	Your Score	Possible
Leadership Alignment		20
Congregational Need and Interest		20
Biblical and Ministry Foundation		20
Leadership Team and Facilitators		20
Resources and Operational Capacity		20
Implementation and Sustainability		20
OVERALL READINESS SCORE		120

Interpret Your Overall Score

24–48 | Foundation Needed

Your church may benefit from clarifying leadership commitment, congregational need, and ministry purpose before launching. Begin with listening, leadership discussion, and one simple awareness activity.

49–72 | Emerging Readiness

Several important elements are beginning to develop. Choose one or two priority gaps, identify a coordinator, and use a limited pilot experience to build confidence.

73–96 | Ready to Launch

Your church appears prepared to begin a structured marriage ministry at an appropriate scale. Use the 90-Day Marriage Ministry Implementation Roadmap to organize the launch.

97–120 | Ready to Build and Expand

Your church has strong readiness across leadership, resources, and implementation. Focus on facilitator development, annual planning, evaluation, and long-term ministry sustainability.

Your Three Priority Needs

1.
2.
3.

Recommended Next Step

- ☐ Clarify the church’s biblical marriage ministry philosophy.
- ☐ Gather input from couples and ministry leaders.
- ☐ Identify a ministry coordinator or leadership team.
- ☐ Use the Marriage Ministry Launch Checklist.
- ☐ Begin the 90-Day Marriage Ministry Implementation Roadmap.
- ☐ Schedule a planning consultation or church partnership conversation.

30-Day Readiness Action Plan

Action Step	Person Responsible	Target Date	Status