

Church of the Open Door

## Marriage Application Questionnaire

Office Use

Date Received:

Forwarded to:

Contact made:

Full Legal Name (first) \_\_\_\_\_ (middle) \_\_\_\_\_ (last) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #'s Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

When are you planning on getting married? Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Fiancée Name \_\_\_\_\_

For communication, who is the best person to contact and best phone # to use: Me \_\_\_\_\_ Fiancée \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please include a photograph of you and your fiancée with this questionnaire.

*Please answer the following questions honestly and completely.*

### **CHURCH**

Do you attend Open Door? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, since when? \_\_\_\_\_

What church did you attend before Open Door? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been involved in a group here at Open Door? What and for how long?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you taken any classes here at Open Door? What and when?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you been involved in some form of serving here at Open Door? What and when?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



Who are 2-3 people that are involved here at Open Door who would say they "know" you? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Briefly state how/when you became a Christian. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your relationship with God. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What effect has your relationship with God had on your relationship with your Fiancée? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What effect has your relationship with each other had on your relationship with God? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**RELATIONSHIP**

How long have you:

a) Known each other? \_\_\_\_\_ b) Dated? \_\_\_\_\_ c) Been engaged? \_\_\_\_\_

Where and how did you meet? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have either of you been married before? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please answer the following questions.

When was the official date of your divorce? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you participated in any divorce recovery program or counseling? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have children? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Will your children live with you once you are married? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do your family and friends approve of your marriage? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been sexually active with your fiancée? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently sexually active with your fiancée? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been sexually active with someone other than your fiancée? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

What do you believe are God's boundaries for sexual activity outside of marriage? \_\_\_\_\_

Please read the "Sexual Abstinence" page enclosed with this information. Are you willing to abstain from sexual activity with your fiancée as outlined until your wedding day? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Are you presently living together? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If "yes," please explain your reasons. \_\_\_\_\_

If you are presently living together, are you willing to separate during the pre-marriage process? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever lived (cohabitated) with a person of the opposite sex? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If so, when? For how long? \_\_\_\_\_

What issues are difficult for you to share with your fiancée? \_\_\_\_\_

How do you deal with conflict/pain? \_\_\_\_\_

On a scale of one to five (one being low, five being very good), rank your relationships with the following people in your life:

\_\_\_\_\_ Father \_\_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Sibling (s)

\_\_\_\_\_ Significant Other(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Where are you presently employed? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your career goals? \_\_\_\_\_

How much debt do you currently have: Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_ Education \_\_\_\_\_ Auto \_\_\_\_\_

House \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_ Total Debt \_\_\_\_\_

What do you believe will be the hardest adjustment should you enter this marriage? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Marriage**

I believe the most important components of a lasting marriage (other than "love") are: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Share your thoughts regarding the following areas:

Managing Family Finances \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Birth Control \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Relationships with in-laws \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Having and raising children from this marriage \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Leadership/decision making in the marriage \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies, sports, leisure time interests (what do you enjoy doing?) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Family Devotions \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**The Wedding**

Are you requesting to have your ceremony held at Open Door? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

Are you requesting to have an Open Door Pastor officiate your ceremony? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

Additional personal comments: (Please feel free to use additional pages if needed.)

If your application is accepted, are you willing to complete the pre-marriage requirements? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

If your application is accepted, do you understand that if issues arise in the pre-marriage process, our Pastoral staff reserves the right to delay your ceremony? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to submit to their counsel regarding your marriage? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

**AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

I hereby authorize the information on this questionnaire to be released to the marrying pastor and the pre-marital or pre-engagement facilitators of Church of the Open Door, such information regarding my case as deemed necessary to further my best interests. I understand that this information includes the Pre-Engagement Questionnaire and the PREPARE Inventory (if used) and that this information will be kept strictly confidential among the staff members and/or facilitators until such time as I authorize any further release of information. This release is effective for 36 months from the date signed below. These records will then be destroyed. Also, I understand that if issues arise during the pre-marriage process, the Pastoral staff reserves the right to delay the ceremony. In that event I am willing to receive pastoral counsel and submit to their guidance concerning our marriage.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Fill out below if you are requesting to have your Wedding at Open Door or requesting to be married by an Open Door Pastor.*

If your application is accepted, what are possible dates/times you are hoping for your ceremony?

1st choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd choice \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd choice \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*If your application is accepted, do you have a personal relationship with an Open Door Pastor that you would like to do your wedding? Yes\_\_\_\_\_

No\_\_\_\_\_ If yes, who? \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*If you do have a personal relationship with a pastor, we will ask them if they are able to officiate your wedding. If you do not have a relationship with a pastor or the one you know is not available, a pastor will be assigned to you.

*Please read this page carefully.*

*You will be asked to sign an abstinence agreement in the Marriage Application Questionnaire.*

### **Sexual Abstinence**

The Open Door Pastors and community of faith, care about your spiritual, emotional, and physical well-being.

We desire to model and speak truth and grace into the important area of human sexuality. Sexuality is a remarkable God-given gift. Our desire is to help you make lifestyle decisions that honor God and protect you from the pain and damage that can result when sexual activity takes place before marriage. We also believe there is forgiveness and tremendous healing that can touch our wounded past. This area of our lives is so significant we are committed to offering teaching and guidance that will help you enter a relationship prepared for a life-time of loving, healthy and God-honoring sexual expression.

We ask all couples beginning the pre-marriage preparation process to abstain from sexual activity until after the wedding ceremony. We believe sexual activity outside the bonds of marriage is sin. It is our desire to see your future marriage have the strongest foundation possible and we believe a chosen period of abstinence can provide a time for re-establishing healthy personal boundaries. This helps restore our hearts and minds to God's good purposes for the gift of sexuality and prepare us for a lifetime of sexual fidelity.

### **Statement on Marriage and Sexual Purity**

Church of the Open Door believes that marriage is sacred and represents the relationship between Christ and the believer (Ephesians 5:22 – 33). Therefore, marriage can exist only within the bonds of moral commitment and be sustained in an environment of purity and holiness. The heterosexual union expresses the plan of God for marriage and expresses the nature of God.

### **Commitment to Separate Living**

We ask that all couples in our pre-marriage process make a commitment to refrain from sexual activity until they are married. In addition, we strongly encourage couples who are living together to seriously consider separate living arrangements until they are married. This is because practically it should make it easier to keep the commitment to abstain sexually until they are married, even though it may be financially beneficial or emotionally appealing not to do so.