

Greetings,

Thank you for ordering the **D.A.R.E. Marriage Mentor Training Start-Up Kit for Churches**. We appreciate your passion to strengthen marriages and families in your church and community.

The Start-Up Kit you purchased includes the following:

- Access to the online Mentor Training and the online Administration Training
- One (1) Marriage Mentoring Guide
- One (1) Administration Manual
- Two (2) Workbooks for Couples (Mentees)

Follow these steps to begin Marriage Mentoring in your church.

1) Define Roles

Determine who will fill each role.

- Who is the Pastor overseeing the ministry?
- Who is the Administrator responsible for placing couples needing mentored, collecting payment and managing the online surveys?
- Who is the Lead Couple (volunteer) that will be shepherding the mentors?

2) Online Administration Training

Any Pastor and staff overseeing the marriage ministry will need to view the online Administration Training video and follow along with the Administration Manual.

To locate the video online go to www.daretobedifferent.com, move your cursor over MARRIAGE MENTORING to view the dropdown menu. Click on ADMIN/LEADERS TRAINING. Here you will see the Administration Training section. Follow each step carefully.

3) Recruit Mentors

Recruit healthy married couples to attend a scheduled Mentor Training using fliers, emails, invitations from the pulpit, bulletins and personal invitations.

After you know how many couples will be attending the training make sure to order enough Marriage Mentoring Guides for each couple attending (one mentor guide per couple). Marriage Mentoring Guides can be ordered online at www.daretobedifferent.com. Click on STORE.

Please allow 5-7 business days for shipping in the U.S. (10-14 days outside the U.S.)

4) Set up Accounts for the Couples Survey

For instructions to the Couples Survey go to www.daretobedifferent.com and click on COUPLES SURVEY and follow the steps.

Setup an account as a **LEADER**, using the same Username and Password you created when purchasing the Mentor Training Start-Up Kit. If you are not the person who purchased the kit, but will act as the LEADER, you will need to create your own Username and Password. By setting up a LEADER ACCOUNT, you will link all your mentors/mentees to this account.

Also, as the Leader you will need to pre-purchase survey credits for your future mentees, in addition to workbooks. Each person getting mentored should receive one workbook (two per couple). * **We recommend you charge couples getting mentored to cover your costs.**

If you are the Leader and you also plan on being a mentor, you will need to set up a MENTOR ACCOUNT as a couple (after setting up the LEADER ACCOUNT) using the same Username and Password used to create the LEADER ACCOUNT. Your spouse will create their own unique Username and Password and have their own unique email.

MENTORS are to setup an account as a couple. They each must create their own unique Username and Password, and have their own unique email. They can then login individually at any time to view the survey results from their mentees. Mentors will have one FREE survey to fill out on their own marriage. The survey will automatically appear in their account after their account is set up. This allows mentors to identify the strengths and weaknesses in their own marriage and it also helps them to understand the survey that is required of the mentees.

MENTEES are to setup an account as a couple. They can then login individually at any time to take a survey. The survey results are automatically sent to their mentor's account.

5) Mentor Training ONLINE VIDEO

Schedule a Mentor Training. Plan on five hours, which includes breaks. To access the online video, go to www.daretobedifferent.com. Move your cursor over MARRIAGE MENTORING to view the dropdown menu. Click on MENTOR TRAINING VIDEO.

Login using your Username and Password.

When training using the online video, connect your computer to a projector and sound. Follow along with the video and take breaks accordingly. (The videos for the mentors are set up for four sessions.)

Practice Sessions for Mentors

- **Optional:** If you want to allow time for the mentors to practice mentoring each other, you can do so at the end of the training by utilizing our mini survey. (Located in Session 4 of the Online Training Video or in the Administration Files). Every person can fill out the mini survey, then practice 'rounding the bases' with another couple on issues derived from their mini survey. They are to circle every statement where they disagreed with the desired response and *round the bases* on those issues. Encourage them to utilize their mentor guide while practicing on each other.
- If you choose not to practice mentoring at the training, we suggest you schedule a follow-up practice session two weeks after the training for all couples who have committed to be mentors. The mentors will take the online survey prior to the practice session and bring their survey results (and their marriage mentoring guide) with them to the practice session. They will be paired with another mentor couple to practice *rounding the bases* on issues derived from their own survey.

Qualifying Couples as Mentors after the Training

- Couples wanting to proceed as mentors are required to take the online survey. They will automatically receive a FREE survey to take on their own marriage after they create a Mentor Account.
- We suggest couples score 50% or higher in each category to proceed as a mentor.
- Mentors must have the pastor's approval in order to proceed.

CONGRATULATIONS, you are now ready to mentor couples!

HOW TO KEEP THE MARRIAGE MINISTRY STRONG?

1) Twice a year (minimum), the Pastor recruits couples to get mentored

Use a sign-up card, giving everyone an opportunity to sign up to get mentored. (Step 8 of the ADMIN/LEADERS TRAINING)

Promoting marriage mentoring twice a year will keep the mentors active and will also help to meet the needs of hurting marriages in your church.

2) Administrator responds promptly to mentees and connects mentors to the mentees

3) Lead Couple is diligent in following their role of shepherding the mentors

Thank you for your investment in strengthening marriages and families.

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