



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **What is the origin of re|engage?**

The program was launched at Watermark Community Church in September 2008 and has since expanded to other churches.

### **What does a typical night at re|engage look like?**

The format of each night is as follows:

- 6:30-7:10pm - Large Group Time (worship and testimony/teaching)
- 7:15-8:20pm - Small Group Time

### **Will I be asked a lot of personal questions at re|engage?**

There is no personal sharing during the large group meeting. Though we encourage you to remain active in group discussion, any personal sharing during the small group meetings is voluntary.

### **How do I know that what I share at re|engage will be kept confidential? Will it be a safe place to share?**

We believe that Scripture calls us to refrain from gossip, and we ask all participants and facilitators to adhere to the guideline that what is discussed in the group stays in the group. Re|engage facilitators are encouraged to operate under the direction of God's Word in handling the information shared in the group. In order to provide a safe environment, the facilitators have committed to not share information about others outside the group except in the event of the threat of physical, emotional or spiritual injury, and then to be dealt with under the guidance of re|engage staff.

### **Can I be honest with people about what is going on in our marriage?**

Our prayer is that you will feel safe to share within your small group. We find that the more authentic and transparent couples can be with others, the more they find hope and healing within their marriage.

### **Is re|engage marriage counseling?**

re|engage is not marriage counseling and the leaders are facilitators, not counselors. They are also growing in their own marriages. Everyone in the group is on the journey to oneness in marriage. We believe that openness and honesty in a small group setting using biblically-based curriculum is where God works to grow and resurrect marriages.

### **Do you provide childcare?**

Yes, we do provide care for children six weeks to 12 years old. They can be dropped off at the Children's Building before re|engage large group and must be picked up by 8:30pm. Once a couple is placed in Closed Group, there is a small cost for childcare. \$25 for one child, \$10 for each additional child, up to \$50. This is a one-time fee.

### **Can I just come and visit, or do I have to commit to something?**

You are welcome to attend Newcomers, which is the first session of re|engage. At Newcomers, you will hear more about the history behind re|engage and have a chance to ask questions. In order to continue after Newcomers, there is an expectation to complete the 16 week journey.



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### **How much time each week outside the meeting is required to be a part of re|engage?**

Completion of the curriculum (which is only for the closed groups) will take approximately 20-30 minutes each week. The time required will vary, but it is designed for minimal time commitment.

### **What commitment do I have to make?**

Once you join a closed group, working through the re|engage curriculum will require a 16-20 week commitment. This is the time in which the group is working through the curriculum together. Cost for participating in a closed group is \$50 per couple.

### **I don't know if I will have a marriage by the end of the month, is re|engage a good place for us?**

Absolutely! While the outcome is based on the work each individual couple is willing to do to save their marriage, the platform provides a safe place to focus on what a healthy marriage should look like, and it provides some tools to help grow toward this goal.

### **My marriage is doing well. Is re|engage a place for us?**

Whether your marriage needs to be reignited or is in need of a complete resurrection, re|engage is a safe place for couples to reconnect.

### **We don't like spending time with each other anymore. Will we have to interact together?**

While you will be in a small group together, each of you will be sharing about what you learn personally each week. However, there are some exercises that may require you to interact with each other throughout the process.

### **I have no hope anymore. Is this a place where we can find hope?**

Our prayer is that you will find hope that can come through allowing God to do a mighty work within your marriage.

### **We have only been married for six months. Can we still come?**

Absolutely! In fact, participating in re|engage at this stage in your marriage is a great idea! The program will provide a strong foundation for your marriage.

### **We are thinking about getting married (or are engaged). Is this ministry for us?**

We suggest you elect to focus on marriage preparation through a pre-marital class. If you would like more information on the pre-marital class at Grace, please email [bridge@gracechurchsc.org](mailto:bridge@gracechurchsc.org)

### **What if my spouse can't/won't attend?**

The large group teaching time is a great place for everyone. The small groups require both spouses to be most effective. If your spouse can't attend right now, then maybe both of you can join when your schedule allows. New re|engage closed small groups will be starting about each month. If your spouse won't attend, then we encourage you to be a part of what is going on. Hopefully God will do some major restoration in your life and your spouse will see it and want some restoration too.

For any other questions regarding re|engage, please email [reengage@gracechurchsc.org](mailto:reengage@gracechurchsc.org)