Introduction to Couple-to-Couple Marriage Mentoring

➢ What is mentoring? A mentor is…

1) A ____________________
2) An ____________________
3) An ____________________ of ____________________
4) _________ of the above

➢ Some Biblical mentors

Elijah/_________ Naomi/_______ Barnabas/_________ Jesus/_________
Moses/_________ Eli/___________ * Paul/______________

➢ What does a marriage mentor couple do?

1. Willingly _____________ what they know in a timely uncompetitive way
2. Represent skill, knowledge, virtue, and accomplishments because they have gone _____________ the couple they are mentoring
3. Take a personal and heartfelt ______________ in the other couple’s development and well-being
4. Offer support, challenge, patience and enthusiasm while ______________ other couples to new levels of competence
5. Point the way and represent _______________ evidence of what another couple can become
6. _______________ the recipients of their mentoring to new ideas, perspectives and standards
7. Have more expertise in terms of knowledge yet view themselves as _____________ to those they mentor

➢ What a marriage mentor couple is NOT:

1. A ______________ or ____________________
2. ____________________ a pal or a buddy
3. “On call” for every little ______________
4. Necessarily committed ____________________
5. A ____________________
6. A ____________________

➢ Why mentor? God _________________ it

You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others. (2 Timothy 2:2)
Couple-to-Couple Marriage Mentoring Definition:
A relatively happy, more experienced couple purposefully investing in another couple to effectively navigate a journey that they have already taken.

The Mentoring Triad

Benefits for own marriage when doing couple to couple mentoring
__ Rekindle ________________ feelings
__ Give a shared mission
__ ______________ early treasured memories shared together
__ Renewed ________________ of each other’s abilities
__ More lively conversations generated
__ Help in learning __________ about each other
__ Other ______________________
__ Other ______________________

Two Biblical Examples
1. Aquila & Priscilla with Apollos (Acts 18:24-28)
2. Barnabas & John Mark (Acts 15:36-40)
Mentoring Resources:

2. Dr. Ed Gray - *Marriage Mentoring: 12 Conversations* (www.12conversations.com)
3. Eric & Jennifer Garcia (AMFM) - Couple-to-Couple Marriage Mentoring Ministry training program
4. Bible book studies or other books

Conclusion - You ARE mentoring – we all are, so why not make it intentional and beneficial?

Couple Sharing

1. Complete the following sentence as best you can – without consulting with your mate.
   1) My greatest fear in becoming a Couple to Couple Mentor is …
   2) Share with each other

2. Our “Marriage Mentors:

Take a few moments with your mate to brainstorm names, and then list those couples (or individuals) below who have had a significant influence on your marriage (parents, relatives, friends, ministers, counselors, teachers, colleagues or others). Next to their names write a single phrase or two that captures how they have positively influenced your marriage:

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What can you learn about marriage mentoring from the informal mentoring relationships you and other couples have enjoyed? What did these people do for you specifically that you’d like to do for others?
3. Which of the three tracks do you lean most towards? Each of you mark percentages on a diagram (must add up to 100).

After marking, discuss with mate.

4. As a couple select two or more of the following to read and discuss:
   - Eli & Samuel (1 Samuel 1-3)
   - Elijah & Elisha (1 Kings 19:19-21)
   - Moses & Joshua (Deut. 31; Joshua 1)
   - Naomi & Ruth (Ruth 1)
   - Paul & Timothy (Acts 16:1-5; 1 Tim. 4; 6:11-12)

After reading, identify what qualities made the mentoring successful.