

Intimate Life Ministries



Intimate Life is a training and resource ministry assisting churches, para-church ministries, denominations, and movements of churches in the development of on-going relationship and leadership development ministries.

Intimate Life training and resources emphasize the necessity of:

- ◆ Meaningful relationships with both God *and* other people.
- ◆ Experiencing Biblical truth
- ◆ Encountering Jesus
- ◆ Enjoying fellowship with those He loves

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What is a “*More Than Married!*” Workshop?

An Intimate Life “*More Than Married!*” Workshop provides instruction and direct experience of biblical principles of relationships as they are applied to and experienced in marriage.

Selected chapters of the Intimate Life resource *Intimate Encounters* are presented along with opportunities to experience Biblical truth during the session. Participants will also be encouraged to continue their experience of these truths after the workshop through couple self-study, small group, class, or couple-to-couple mentoring using *Intimate Encounters* resources.

WHAT TOPICS WILL BE ADDRESSED?

- **How to be “More Than Married”** – Overcoming the first human crisis through loving each other ... and God
- **Top Ten Relational Needs** – How to know and meet each other’s God-given needs
- **Honest and Loving Communication** – How to speak truth in a loving manner
- **Caring Responses** – How to respond when someone is “upset”
- **Healing Hurt through Confession and Forgiveness** – Experiencing God’s plan for resolving hurt, anger and guilt.
- **Leaving Father and Mother** – How the families we came from shape us and how we can respond today.
- **Ongoing Marriage Enrichment** – How to continue to grow and change after the Workshop

Who Should Attend?

Couples who wish to enrich and strengthen their marriages. Couples will gain information and participate in exercises that will help them experience enrichment in their marriage. Hurting couples frequently experience significant healing and restoration of hope.

Engaged and pre-engaged couples who wish to prepare for marriage. This workshop provides excellent pre-marital preparation, especially as part of a church's overall marriage preparation ministry.

Lay couples and Church staff who desire to learn how to start and lead relational marriage ministry in their church. The ability and passion to minister to others always begins with our own experience of God and His Word. This workshop will provide the initial experience which is necessary for vision and direction for ongoing local-church based marriage ministry. The workshop experience can be an effective beginning for those who may not feel adequate to lead couple's ministry (classes, small groups, mentoring), yet are perceived by others to have something in their marriage relationship that others desire.

Participant Comments

What Couples Are Saying About Their “*More Than Married!*” Workshop Experience.

The most valuable thing about the Workshop...

“Recognizing that Christian couples encounter hurts, challenges, walls and distance. Not condemning but equipping them with tools to heal their own marriages.”

“Bringing healing through meeting the particular kinds of needs that are most important to your spouse.”

“Learning that my husband is more willing to meet my needs when I meet his.”

“God’s vision for marriage; the ‘emotional cup’.”

“Valuable: encouragement of daily prayer and devotion together; Challenging: recanting the negative ‘script’, and not reacting, blaming, or justifying behaviors”

“Prayer time together as a couple”

“Learning more about marriage and my wife.”

“Getting to know my wife better than I did before – the use of Scripture, exercises for couples”

“Support, encouragement, biblical ideas and working through issues – breaking down walls”

“It makes you look at your marriage – where you’re at and what goals you want to achieve.”

“Hearing real life stories that we can all relate to.”

“Learning that when we hurt each other, it hurts God.”

“Body, soul, and spirit foundation of husband and wife.”

“Opening my heart to my husband”; “cleaving to your wife and leaving your family (of origin)”

“Even though I’m divorced, this course gave me a lot of insight on how I should be in my future marriage.”

“We’ve been through numerous couples ministries, but the one key that was illuminated in me was learning to express my needs to my spouse, rather than seeing her shortcomings when my needs are unfulfilled.”

“It opened our eyes to areas in both our lives that affects our relationships by the way we respond, based on situations in our past.”

Benefits of Hosting

Churches hosting a “***More than Married!***” Workshop will **benefit** in other these ways:

- Marriages enriched and strengthened for those who are able to attend the workshop.
- Encouragement of lay persons as well as staff members to become integral members of relationship building ministries within your church and in the community.
- The ILM trainer will assist you in mobilizing efforts to launch ongoing relationship ministry.

To assist with ongoing relational ministry the host church will also receive the **Host Church Leadership Package, once the workshop has been closed out including full registration names and information and final payment received.** This kit includes:

- The 16-session *Intimate Encounters* Video Series
- The 16-session *Intimate Encounters* Audio Series
- The 16-session *Intimate Encounters* Teaching Curriculum, with reproducible masters for handouts and powerpoint slides
- 2 *Intimate Encounters* workbooks

To assist in the promotion of the workshop

- A listing of your workshop on www.GreatCommandment.net
- 100 Brochures to promote the event
- 5 Full color posters
- One promotional CD

Questions about hosting?

Contact the ILM Workshop Coordinator

800-881-8008 ext. 213

Kristen.Kendrick@ILMinistries.org

Workshop Formats

Friday Night – Saturday:

Friday Evening

6:30 – 7:00	Registration & Check-in
7:00 – 9:30	Evening Sessions (Include a short break around 8:15 PM and open resource sales table)

Saturday

9:00 – 12:00	Morning Sessions (Include one break around 10:15 AM and open resource sales table)
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 3:00	Afternoon Sessions (Include a short break around 2:00 PM and open resource sales table)
3:00 – 3:20	Final opportunity for resource purchases

Saturday Only:

8:30	Registration & Check-in
9:00 – 12:00	Morning Sessions (Include one break around 10:15 AM and open resource sales table)
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 4:30	Afternoon Sessions (including orientation for prospective leaders) (Include one break around 2:30 PM and open resource sales table)
4:30 – 4:50	Final opportunity for resource purchases

Hosting Requirements

- ◆ **Remit \$250.00 to ILM to secure the workshop. This money will be credited towards the balance due.**
- ◆ **Minimum of 50 registrants @ \$25.00 per person (\$1250).**
The cost for each participant registered above the required minimum is also \$25.00.
- ◆ **Send minimum payment of \$1035.00 (25 couples at \$50.00 per person less the \$250.00 deposit, plus \$35.00 shipping to ILM two weeks prior to the conference.**
- ◆ **Pay for shipping of participant's materials. (Minimum cost \$35.00.)**
- ◆ **Plan for the following:**
Provide the facility within which the training will take place. Friday Night – Saturday Format: Friday night 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM; Saturday 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM. You will also need:
 1. Classroom-type seating for 60 – 80 people in comfortable chairs.
 2. Some trainers will request Power Point capabilities and screen
 3. Table for display of additional relevant ILM resources for sale
- ◆ **Cover Trainer expenses, consisting of:**
 1. Travel expenses. This will vary depending on home base of Trainer couple (\$350- \$500). *ILM will work with the Host Church to keep travel expense at a minimum. If projected travel expenses exceed \$500, ILM will contact the Host Church representative to discuss options.*
 2. If applicable, Friday night accommodations.
 3. Intimate Life Ministries will pay the trainer a \$300.00 honorarium.
 4. If you are interested in an Intimate Life Ministry staff member as your trainer, the financial arrangements are different. Contact the Workshop Coordinator at 800-881-8008 ext. 219 for details.
- ◆ **Coordinate the Saturday luncheon.** If lunch is made available on site, charge the participants appropriately (\$4.00 - \$5.00 is fairly typical). This can be an added relational experience and may work best on-site if there are not a variety of easily accessible restaurants where your guests can be served within the hour allotted for lunch. If there are nearby restaurants that fit this description, be sure to provide maps and/or directions in your handouts. Consider inviting participants to purchase lunches to be brought to your site.
- ◆ **Review and sign Host Church Agreement Form and send with three possible workshop dates and \$250 non-refundable deposit to Intimate Life Ministries. Note: This deposit will be credited to Host Church account at conclusion of workshop.**

Intimate Life Ministries will then confirm your workshop arrangements: your date, and a trainer couple. ILM will then send your brochures, posters and set up your workshop listing on www.GreatCommandment.net.

Cancellation Policy:

- \$250 deposit is non-refundable, once ILM confirms your workshop.
- Host Church may re-schedule workshop. If workshop is re-scheduled, Host Church must compensate Trainer Couple for any expenses incurred as a result of changing travel itineraries. ILM may be required to identify another Trainer Couple.
- If the workshop is cancelled, the Host Church will not receive a refund of \$250 deposit. In addition, Host Church must compensate Trainer Couple for any travel expenses incurred.
- If resources were shipped for the event before the cancellation, the church is responsible for any shipping charges incurred.
- If for any reason *Intimate Life Ministries* cancels the workshop, the \$250 deposit will be refunded.

Though not required, we strongly urge you to consider providing childcare and appropriate meal options on-site (even with a nominal charge) for your participants.

Agreement Form

“More Than Married!” Workshop

We have read and understand the Host Church Packet for the Intimate Life Ministries “More Than Married!” Workshop. We agree to the commitments required as a Host Church. Specifically we agree to:

- Pay \$250.00 non-refundable deposit to ILM to secure workshop. (This deposit will be credited towards the final balance due.)
- Remit minimum registration payment of \$1035.00 two weeks prior to event. (50 people at \$25.00 per person less the 250.00 deposit plus \$35.00 shipping.)
- Registrants beyond the minimum 50 are \$25 per person and final payment for them is due the Wednesday after the conference.
- Send final payment to ILM in the 2-Day UPS envelope provided. Final payment due by the Wednesday after the conference.
- Include in 2-Day UPS envelope all completed registration forms, all participants' evaluation forms, any book table order forms and monies if applicable.
- Contact ILM on the Monday after the conference with number of boxes of unused resources to call tag
- Provide the facility in which the workshop will be held.
- Provide the needed equipment specified for use at the workshop.
- Cover the trainer couple's travel expenses, paid directly to the couple
- Make arrangements for Saturday's lunch for all participants.
- To abide by the Cancellation Policy as indicated below.

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Name of Host Church: _____

Address of Host Church: _____

Denomination: _____ Name of Host Church Contact: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Name of Registrar _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Name of Billing Contact: _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Payment Information: Please check the appropriate box below:

- We have enclosed check # _____ in the amount of \$ 250.00
- Please charge our Visa / MasterCard
Card # _____ exp.date _____
In the amount of \$ 250.00.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Preferred Dates: (1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____

Please send this form with \$250 deposit to:
Intimate Life Ministries, 2511 South Lakeline Blvd, Cedar Park, TX 78613
Attention: Workshop Coordinator

Or you may fax the agreement with credit card deposit to 512-795-0853