

Pre-Marriage Counseling Questions with the Couple

- ___ Why do you want to be married to each other?
- ___ What kind of commitment are you ready to make?
- ___ What do such traditional phrases as “for richer or poorer,” “in sickness and in health “ and “so long as we both shall live” mean to you?
- ___ What do you think are some of the requirements for a stable marriage?
- ___ How do you know that you are really in love?
- ___ How does each of you feel about having children?
- ___ Do you have similar views on family planning?
- ___ What thought have you given to managing your finances together? Will you share everything, or do you intend to have a prenuptial agreement?
- ___ How do you get along with your own and your partner’s family?
- ___ Have you discussed with each other any health problems you may have?
- ___ Are there physical aspects of the marriage relationship that you need to talk about with a counselor?
- ___ Where will you live – in a home of your own or one shared with others?
- ___ How do you plan to share your spiritual life?

Questions such as these are not intended as an interrogation but rather as an opportunity to open discussions. Be sensitive to the couple’s responses and pursue the discussion only if you can so without intruding in areas that they clearly would rather not talk about. Your mission is to be helpful to the extent that help is welcome.