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# Retreat to Remember

LEFC MARRIAGE RETREAT 2018

THE MISSION OF MARRIAGE



MARRIAGE | MINISTRY

# Welcome!

We are so glad you have joined us for LEFC's first ever Retreat to Remember! God created marriage as a beautiful representation of His heart for His Church. No matter where you are at right now in your relationship, we believe God always has something for us to learn, ways we can grow in Him, and truth in His Scripture.

As a church, we long to see God's heart for marriage realized and marriages encouraged. We hope you'll take the time this weekend and beyond to invest in your relationship with your spouse. If you feel like your marriage could use some help beyond this weekend, please reach out to the church. We'd love to work with you to strengthen your marriage!

John Henderson has prepared four sessions, plus we will have a panel discussion where we will hear from couples who can share wisdom with us. We will end early enough Saturday for you to have a chance to go to dinner and enjoy a date night! There are many restaurants to choose from in the area. We have included a card with some ideas in your welcome packet.

Thank you for joining us on this journey! If you have any questions or need anything at all during this retreat, please don't hesitate to ask!

Sincerely,

**Matt Sowada, *Pastor of Adult Ministries***

**Jenny Hoover, *Women's Ministry Director***

# Schedule

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## FRIDAY, MARCH 2

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| 6:00pm | Registration in Main Lobby          |
| 7:30pm | SESSION 1: OUR AIM (page 3)         |
| 8:30pm | Dessert and Celebration of Marriage |

## SATURDAY, MARCH 3

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| 7:00am  | Breakfast Opens at 7am              |
| 9:00am  | SESSION 2: OUR PART (page 9)        |
| 10:00am | Break – Refreshments                |
| 10:15am | SESSION 3: OUR WORK (page 15)       |
| 11:15am | Couple Discussion Time              |
| 12:00pm | Final Checkout Time for Hotel       |
| 12:00pm | Lunch Buffet at Hotel Opens at Noon |
| 2:00pm  | DISCUSSION                          |
| 3:00pm  | Break – Refreshments                |
| 3:30pm  | SESSION 4: OUR HOPE (page 19)       |
| 5:00pm  | Dismiss for Date Night              |

## SESSION 1: OUR AIM

Genesis 2:18-25 ESV

*Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.*

*Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."*

*Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.*

**MARRIAGE IS GOD'S IDEA**

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## MARRIAGE IS GOD'S WORK

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Matthew 19:3-6 ESV

*And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?"*

*He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."*



## MARRIAGE IS GOD'S GIFT

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## MARRIAGE SERVES GOD'S AIM

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### Ephesians 5:25-32 ESV

*Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.*

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## SESSION 2: OUR PART

### 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 ESV

*For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.*

*From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

### WHO WE ARE: AMBASSADORS

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## HOW WE FULFILL OUR ROLE

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**Be Controlled by the Love of Christ**

**Recognize No One According to the Flesh**







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## SESSION 3: OUR WORK

Colossians 3:12-17 ESV

*Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him*

### WEARING A NEW IDENTITY

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Chosen of God

Holy



## WEARING A NEW RELATIONSHIP TO OTHERS

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Compassion, Kindness, Humility, Gentleness and Patience

Bearing and Forgiving

Love



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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. How often and deeply do you consider what it means to be chosen of God, holy, and beloved? What impact does it have on your soul to consider it now?
  
2. Do you see compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience being expressed in your marriage each day? If so, what passages of Scripture and works of His Spirit have helped you? If not, why not? What gets in the way?
  
3. Do you speak the truth in love to your spouse? When you address their sin, do you speak with gracious, gospel-saturated words, or do you speak with pride, condescension, and anger? Do you avoid speaking truth in love because of fear, apathy, and inconvenience?

## SESSION 4: OUR HOPE

Mark 4:35-41 ESV

*On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"*

*And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?"*

*And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"*

**THE PROMISE: "LET US GO ACROSS..."**

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## THE CIRCUMSTANCES

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## THE SAVIOR

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## THE POINT

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## THE CONCLUSION

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