



Recruiting Banquet

Arrange a “banquet” at a nice restaurant with banquet facilities or at your congregation’s fellowship hall. Invite the members of the previous course to attend and bring two other couples with them. Encourage the graduates to select one couple from a different church and another couple from their community that may not have a church home. Explain that the couples they bring should be potential couples for your next class. Also, invite several key couples from your church leadership to be present, especially those who have not taken the course. The evening’s program could transpire as follows:

I. REGISTRATION (15 MINUTES)

- A. Provide nametags and Sharpie pens.
- B. Ask each couple to complete a registration sheet with their contact information.
- C. Explain that you will collect the registration sheets at the end of the program.
- D. Assign a couple or two from your last class to create a warm reception area for distributing the sheets.
- E. If possible, play inspirational music in the background.

II. EAT (30 MINUTES)

- A. Choose the quickest, easiest method possible for serving everyone.
- B. Make sure you are at the front of the line so you may begin the program while others finish eating.

III. INTRODUCTION (10 MINUTES)

- A. Welcome everyone.
- B. Call on a church leader to lead the prayer for the food already enjoyed.
- C. Introduce your church leaders present.
- D. Introduce the two special couples you brought with you.
- E. Have each couple from the last class introduce themselves and the two couples they brought.

F. Share in one minute what leading the last class meant to you.

IV. SHARING SESSION (60 MINUTES)

A. Each available person from the previous class will share in 1-1/2 minutes or less what the class did for him or her.

1. Have both husband and wife share if both are present.
2. If one cannot be present, encourage the other to attend, bring two other couples, and share.

B. Explain the format to the guests.

1. Explain that each person from the previous class will have 1-1/2 minutes to share their answers to the three displayed questions, and that you or your spouse will time each one.
2. Explain that each class graduate in turn will stand in front of his or her own chair and share.
3. Time each class graduate, giving each one a “15-second warning wave” at one minute and 15 seconds.

C. Introduce each person in 15-20 seconds, telling one thing you’ve come to admire about that person.

D. Each person will answer these three questions:

1. What did the *Dynamic Marriage* or *United* course do for you?
2. Explain one specific way your marriage has improved because of this course.
3. What gift from God would you have missed if you hadn’t enrolled in this course?

E. Applaud when each person finishes sharing.

F. Affirm each person for one thing he or she said.

V. WRAP-UP (5 MINUTES)

A. Ask each couple present who has not already taken the class to complete the registration sheet.

B. Ask each couple to hand you their registration sheets before they leave.

C. Thank everyone for coming.

D. Ask a church leader to offer a benediction.