

The following sample pages are extracted and condensed from the workbook. This section in the workbook is 18 pages.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Because of the limited space provided, feel free to use additional paper to write as much as you want. These questions, and your answers to them, will be fuel for discussion, learning, growth, and for enriching your relationship.

- 1. How long have you known each other? _____
When did you start dating casually? _____
When did you start seriously dating? _____
When were you engaged? _____

- 2. When, where, how did you first meet each other?

- 3. What first attracted you to your mate? _____

- 4. After your first meeting, how did you come to know each other? What was it like when you crossed over the line from friendship to commitment and love? How did you begin to be in love?

- 5. Describe your idea of the “ideal” marriage. _____

- 6. Describe your idea of the “ideal” spouse. _____

7. Do you believe that your mate is the one specific person God has for you? _____

Explain: _____

8. If you believe this, but you or your mate should break the engagement, what effect would this have on your belief about him/her being sent by God or being the only one for you? _____

9. Do you believe there are others who could potentially be a good mate? _____

10. What do you think are the most important factors that make a marriage a success? _____

11. Using one word, characterize your relationship. _____

12. What thoughts does the word "marriage" bring to your mind? _____

13. What expectations or hopes do you have for your marriage? _____

14. List the reasons (in order of importance to you) why you want to marry your mate.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

15. On a scale of 1-5 (5 is best), how comfortable are you in this relationship? _____
16. Are you comfortable enough with each other to have had: (Yes / No)
Disagreements? _____ Arguments? _____ Fights? _____ Anger? _____
17. Are you comfortable with each other when seen at their worst emotionally and relationally? _____
18. Are you comfortable with each other when seen at their worst physically, i.e., sick, unkempt, without makeup, scraggly, smelly, and having bad breath? _____
19. Have you seen each other under major stress such as job loss, work pressure, death of a friend or family member, sickness, or family conflicts? _____
20. List a few of the major stresses or crises you have gone through while engaged.
- a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
21. How have you or your mate responded to these events? _____

22. List several pleasant events / milestones in your relationship. _____

23. List several painful or unpleasant events / milestones in your relationship. _____

24. What are the strong points in your relationship? _____

25. What are the weak points in your relationship? _____

26. Have you addressed these weak points? _____ What have you done to change them? _____

