

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) Fall Semester 2025

When and Where does relengage meet?

Kick-Off: August 14 <u>OR</u> August 21 | 6:30PM-8:30PM in the Equipping Center (EC 1) You must attend <u>one</u> of these in order to register and participate in relengage.

What are the actual dates if we commit to a small group for the semester?

Beginning August 28 until December 4, we will meet from 6:30PM-8:30PM. (We will not meet on November 27). We require that you participate in at least 11 of the 14 regular semester meetings.

How do we join relengage?

You <u>must attend on August 14 OR August 21</u> for information and to register. When you and your spouse officially register to join a small group, we'll put you in a group with 4-6 other participant couples and a facilitator couple. Together, you will work through the relengage booklet. Registration costs \$70 which includes the necessary curriculum and supplies. If that is financially difficult for you at this time, partial scholarships are available.

What does a typical night at relengage look like?

- 6:15-6:30pm Childcare Check-In
- 6:20-6:30pm Coffee and Hang Out
- 6:30-7:15pm Large Group Time (videos, marriage story, and teaching). Please arrive on time.
- 7:20-8:20pm Small Group Time
- 8:20-8:30pm Childcare Pickup

Do you provide childcare?

Will I be asked a lot of personal questions at relengage?

There is no personal sharing required during the large group meeting. Though we encourage you to attend regularly, any personal sharing during the small group meetings is voluntary.

How do I know that what I share at re|engage will be kept confidential? Is it a safe place to share?

We believe that the Bible calls us to refrain from gossip and we ask all participants and facilitators to adhere to the guidelines that what is discussed in the group stays in the group. To provide a safe environment, the facilitators have committed to not share information about others outside the group except in the event of the threat of physical, emotional, or spiritual injury, then to be dealt with under the guidance of relengage staff.

Can I be honest with people about what is going on in our marriage?Our prayer is that you will feel safe to share within your small group. We find that the more authentic and transparent couples can be with others, the more they find hope and healing within their marriage.

Is re|engage marriage counseling?

re|engage is not marriage counseling. The leaders are trained facilitators, not counselors. They are also growing in their own marriages. Everyone in the group is on the journey to oneness in marriage. We believe that openness and honesty in a small group setting, using biblically based curriculum, is where God works to grow and resurrect marriages.

Can I just come and visit, or do I have to commit to something?

You may join us for the two kick-off nights to learn about re|engage without committing. And after that, you may join us for any of our large group meetings without committing to a small group. However, we believe you will receive the most encouragement for your marriage if you commit to the large and small groups.

How much time each week outside of the meeting is required to be part of relengage?

Completion of the relengage curriculum will take approximately 30-90 minutes each week. The time required will vary, but it is designed for manageable time commitment.

Our marriage is doing well. Can we benefit by attending relengage?

Yes, whether your marriage is good, needs to be reignited, or needs a complete resurrection, relengage is a safe place for couples to grow and connect.

I don't know if I'll have a marriage by the end of the month. Is re|engage a good place for us?

Absolutely! There are many couples who have attended, or are attending, who are separated or divorced. While the outcome is based on the work each individual is willing to do to save their marriage, the platform provides a safe place to focus on what a healthy marriage should look like, and it provides some tools to help grow toward this goal.

My spouse and I don't like spending time with each other anymore. Will we have to interact together?

While you will be in a small group together, each of you will be sharing about what you have personally learned each week. Also, some exercises may require you to interact with each other throughout the process.

I have no hope anymore. Is this a place where we can find hope?

Our prayer is that you will find hope that can come through allowing God to do a mighty work within your marriage.

We have only been married for 6 months. Can we still come?

If you are a newly married couple older than around 30, please join us. In fact, participating in re|engage at this stage in your marriage is a great idea! If you are younger than around 30 and are married for less than 6 years, we encourage you to check out our Foundation groups at www.woodsedge.org/foundation/

We are thinking about getting married (or are engaged). Is this ministry for us?

We suggest you focus on marriage preparation through our pre-marital class called "merge." If you would like more information on merge at WoodsEdge, please go to www.woodsedge.org/merge/

For any other questions about re|engage at WoodsEdge, please contact marriage@woodsedge.org.

For questions about relengage from the founding ministry, go to www.reengage.org/