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Engaged-Newlywed Couple,

Whether this letter finds you just before or just after your wedding, it signifies that you have faithfully completed the Preparing for Marriage program (PFM). We want to commend you for investing in your marriage over the last several months. You will never regret having laid a solid foundation for your most enduring relationship.

The question before you is, “What now? Now that we’ve completed PFM, what could or should we do to enrich our marriage and make our home a place increasingly marked by the gospel?” I would like to make a few suggestions that we recommend to everyone completing PFM.

- Stay in touch with your mentors. Their presence and role in your life should extend well beyond six meetings before your wedding. Especially during the first year of marriage connect with them when you have questions, face challenges, or make memories. Let them be a Romans 12:15 presence in your marriage.
- Be in a small group. Few things are more important to your marriage than to be part of a small group where you are honest about life’s challenges, encouraged, and reminded of the things that are most important.
- Study one “Creating a Gospel-Centered Marriage” seminar with your small group each year for the first five years of your marriage. Your mentors can advise you which one to start with. This is a great way to review and implement all the things you “learned and wanted to do” during your time in PFM.
- On your **one year anniversary** volunteer to be on the panel at an Engaged Discovery Weekend. This is a great way to reminisce about all God has taught you and share that with engaged couples wondering what their first year will be like. Contact Tom Droege (tldroege@mindspring.com) about this opportunity.
- **After 2-3 years of marriage** consider joining the Engaged Discovery Weekend ministry as either a host or teacher as another way to invest back in PFM. Tom Droege is also the contact person for this opportunity.
- **After 5 years of marriage** enrich another to-be marriage by becoming mentors. Begin praying now that your marriage will be a marriage to emulate. If you do the things outlined above, there is no reason God cannot bless you with a home that would be a launching point for many future gospel-centered marriages. Contact Jill Sheets (jillesheets@gmail.com) about this opportunity.

Your mentors have a few recommendations and words of encouragement based upon the time they’re shared with you.

We pray that the PFM ministry will continue to be a blessing to and through your marriage for years to come.

Congratulations,

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