



Battle for Your Marriage Team Formation

Teams consist of three to four couples with the following criteria:

- Both husband and wife have effectively participated in the full Battle for the Heart process (BMH/BWH event, Module 1 Team Equipping, BYD event, and Module 2 Team Equipping).
- Teams consist of couples who have ongoing or pre-existing relationships with one another. The ideal would consist of three to four husbands who have gone through the BMH process together and whose wives have gone through the BWH process together. This is often not possible, so we recommend the team form around existing relationships rather than having the Battle for Your Marriage be the first and only experience of relating to one another. Regardless, it is wise for teams to have a *significant number of meetings prior to the initial retreat. The less prior relational connection, the more important these meetings are.

***We provide you with prep work and exercises for up to 6 team meetings that would take place BEFORE the first event. If teams are just completing the BMH/BWH process the number of these prep meetings can be decreased.**

- All participating couples should have a basic comfort level with practicing the BLESS skills of engaging and a willingness to grow in developing those engaging skills with their spouses and with other couples on their team. Each person must be committed to going deeper in their relationship with their spouse and the other couples on their team. Since this is built upon the foundation of the Battle for the Heart for Men and Women, we expect couples to see the glory in each other and challenge the distortions that hold us back from being who God created us to be in our marriages. Since the Battle for Your Marriage teams are composed of couples, appropriate cross-gender (brother-sister) engaging should be expected and supported.
- Ideally each team should have at least one couple with prior experience in facilitating a BMH or BWH team who is willing to facilitate the BYM team at events and during the Team Equipping follow-through. This couple should have at least served as assistant facilitator at a BMH/BWH event. BYM facilitator couples will participate in pre-retreat training as well as biweekly equipping calls in the follow-through process.

You may complete your Application on the Wellspring website. [Note that completing an application DOES NOT guarantee acceptance into the Marriage Track.](#) You will be contacted if we have any questions or concerns. Deadline for applications is March 15, 2024. We need a minimum of 15 couples. We are open to taking more.