



Mentoring Values

1. Christ-likeness

This may seem cliché or simplistic, but it is far from that. If we as mentors are not ourselves seeking to be and grow in conforming to the image of Christ, we will be unable to lead others to that place in a genuine fashion. This does not mean you are expected to or will be perfect in how you mentor – it means you will keep at the front of your mind that being like Jesus is the best way to mentor. (Romans 8:29)

2. Humility

Inherently in the mentor-mentee relationship is the temptation to feel like “the expert” that has everything figured out. However, this leads to mentoring out of pride and ego – which will result in pride and ego being mentored into those you have the opportunity to lead. Keep, as Paul said, the mind and posture of Christ. (Philippians 2:1-9)

3. Flexibility

You will have to be flexible and adaptable. We can’t promise you will have couples to mentor on your timeline or on your preferred schedule. You have the permission to say ‘no’ whenever you need to, we simply ask that you say ‘yes’ when you can, and in that spirit as a leader take the heart of a servant. (Matthew 20:26-28)

4. Listening

To mentor is not always, or even primarily, about “advice-giving”. In fact, to model and teach what active listening looks like will be one of the greatest gifts you can give to a couple. As you listen, do not formulate your response – engage your empathy. (Proverbs 18:13; James 1:19)

5. Patience

As any teacher, parent, or mentor learns – you cannot choose for others. You will guide, instruct, suggest – and it will be ignored or just not implemented well many times. Extend grace and patience, while not wavering on truth. You do not have to agree with their choices, but you do have to love them in the midst of them. (1 John 4:10-11)

6. Prayer

As Christ-likeness and prayer bookend these values, let them bookend your mentoring ministry. Pray for couples regularly and with them at every opportunity. Pray with and for each other. Pray for other mentor couples. Pray for church and ministry leadership. And let your prayer be activation reminders into the kingdom work God has called you to. (Ephesians 6:18-20)