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1) What is the WSSID marriage material?

Drawing from the material from his book, as well as other content developed for these events, Dave has traveled within the US and abroad delivering gospel-centered marriage messages in the context of retreats, seminars and conferences.

2) How many messages does Dave typically do?

It varies. Dave has been invited into events to deliver one message, and he has also been the featured speaker for marriage conferences titled *When Sinners Say 'I Do'*. Typically, a church or ministry has Dave in for two days where he is asked to deliver 3 - 4 messages. This is often done on a Friday evening and Saturday morning. Dave has also done Saturday morning and/or weeknight evening seminars. (Note: Saturday events appear to be most effective when they do not go beyond lunch).

3) Does Kimm speak as well?

Groups often prefer to have Kimm present when marriage material is being presented. This is a preference for some churches and ministries, not an expectation from the Harvey's. Kimm does not teach, but serves very effectively doing Q & A with Dave at the conclusion of an event.

4) What kind of content does Dave offer?

Here are some session topics.

Sin (Part I & II): Marriage is the union of two people who arrive at the altar toting some surprisingly large luggage. Often it gets opened right there on the honeymoon, sometimes it waits for the week after. The Bible calls it sin and understanding its influence can make all the difference for a man and woman who are building a life together. This session is about understanding the real problems within marriage that we might truly comprehend and experience the life-transforming power of the gospel.

Sex: If you're married, sex matters. Yet far too often, it just doesn't seem to work well. Be it past sins, present expectations, or future anxieties, sex sometimes divides more than it unites. Through a discreet but honest study of 1 Cor 7: 1 - 5, this session will examine God's intention behind the glorious gift of married sexuality.

Mercy: "As Christians, we have received the mercy of God. But that reality makes an extraordinary claim upon our marriage. Mercy establishes ministry as a primary goal for marriage. From the heights of Luke 6, we will together

explore what it means to “Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (Luke 6: 36) and how we can apply mercy to see our marriage transformed.”

Grace: Only by grace can we see the reality of where change needs to happen in our marriage. But grace also trains us. Through an exploration of Titus 2: 11-15, we will discover how grace works to improve marriages by supplying God’s power to renounce old patterns, to see Jesus more clearly and to fight sin with greater success.

Contentment: Many marriages are wrecked by disappointed expectations and unfulfilled dreams. What does a couple do when marriage is not going the way they expected? By examining Phil 4: 11-13, we will discover what happens when the gospel unlocks the secret of contentment and sets it loose in our marriage.

Design: There is one surprising truth that lay near the center of every healthy, gospel-loving, bible-informed marriage - *marriage is more than me*. Through a study of Gen 2 and Ephesians 5, we will look at how marriage exists for something outside of itself. When our marriage is set in the context of God’s bigger plan, it inspires us with fresh faith for the present and new hope for the future.

5) If we want to bring Dave in, are there promotional materials already produced that would help us spread the word?

Yes! Try this: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6SFuPVs6uTQ>

A video is available for promotion, which also links to the WSSID video series: <http://www.shepherdpress.com/product/when-sinners-say-i-do-dvd/>.

You could also check out: <http://amicalled.com/2015/04/how-do-you-preach-the-gospel-in-your-marriage/>.

There are also a number of short videos (1-3 minutes) of Dave answering questions that can be obtained by contacting the site manager at <http://www.amicalled.com>. Finally, for a small fee (I think it’s \$100), Frame (<http://frame.is/>) can customize a conference, retreat or seminar trailer for your specific event.

6) If we do an event, are there outlines we can obtain for use?

Message outlines are available but would need to be customized by the inviting group.

7) Are there additional materials for WSSID?

Yes! Additional materials also available include:

- 1) The WSSID video series: <http://www.shepherdpress.com/products/when-sinners-say-i-do-dvd/> - The sessions are between 20 and 30 minutes long and focus just on Dave and his message. This length allows the DVD series to be used both in SS classes and small group settings, or even as a seminar or workshop for a marriage retreat. The shorter time allows for questions and interaction by a local pastor or teacher who leads a group of couples through this material. Included with the video is a link to a .PDF study guide which can accompany the DVD and facilitate group discussion.

“Listen closely as Dave Harvey teaches on the struggles that characterize all marriages. His words are clear and inviting. He says it in a way that is fresh and humble. He cuts to the heart of what all of us are like—people needing daily, freely-given mercies from the Lord. And he cuts to the heart of what all of us need—not self-help, not a pep talk, not a few tips, but an active Savior. Listen, take to heart, and you will grow wiser as a husband or wife.”

David Powlison, Executive Director, CCEF; Senior Editor, *Journal of Biblical Counseling*

- 2) The WSSID study book - <https://www.amazon.com/When-Sinners-Do-22-Study-Guide/dp/0981540015>
- 3) Desiring God interview with Dave - <http://www.desiringgod.org/interviews/dg-live-with-dave-harvey>
- 4) There are also other marriage videos and articles that can be drawn from Dave’s leadership resource site, <http://amicalled.com/>

8) Who has been helped by the WSSID teaching material?

Dave has traveled around the US and abroad doing training from *When Sinners Say ‘I Do’*. A sampling of churches and/or ministries where Dave has served with the WSSID material includes:

- Capitol Hill Baptist Church (Washington, DC)
- Parkside Presbyterian Church (Cleveland, Ohio)
- The CCEF National Conference
- Crossway Church (Kenosha, Wisconsin)
- Fiel Pastors Conferences (Brazil)
- Christ Church (Newport, Wales UK)
- Christ Evangelical Presbyterian Church (Houston, Texas)
- Biblical Counseling Training Center (Phoenix, Arizona)
- Sojourn Community Church (Louisville, KY)
- Reston Bible Church (Reston, VA)
- The Institute of Christian Counseling and Discipleship

9) Can we get a bio for Dave?

Dave Harvey is a Teaching Pastor at [Summit Church](#) in Fort Myers/Naples, Florida, and serves as the Executive Director of Sojourn Network. Dave is also the founder

of AmICalled.com, a leadership resource site helping men who feel called to plant or pastor, to build churches that last.. Dave has 30+ years of pastoral experience, with 19 years as a lead pastor. Dave chairs the board for the [Christian Counseling and Educational Foundation](http://ChristianCounselingandEducationalFoundation.org) (CCEF) and has traveled nationally and internationally doing conferences where he teaches Christians, equips pastors and trains church planters. Dave has a D-Min from Westminster Theological Seminary and contributes regularly at [For The Church](http://ForTheChurch.org) and [The Gospel Coalition](http://TheGospelCoalition.org). He is the author of [When Sinners Say I Do](http://WhenSinnersSayIDo.com), [Am I Called](http://AmICalled.com), and [Rescuing Ambition](http://RescuingAmbition.com), and [Letting Go](http://LettingGo.com), a book he co-authored with Paul Gilbert. Married for 35 years, Dave and Kimm have four kids and two grandchildren.

10)What are the event fees?

It's customary for the hosting church or ministry to assume responsibility for travel, hotel and food costs. Groups often prefer to invite Kimm also, a gesture that is deeply appreciated but certainly not required. The speaker fees are as follows:

- Full conference or retreat (3 - 4 messages) - \$2000
- Individual marriage message - To be discussed

Please contact us if this fee structure would impose a financial burden on your church or organization. Teaching this material is a privilege for Dave and an opportunity to serve.

11)How do churches who have hosted a WSSID event describe their experience?

"Most marriage seminars teach you about communication, finances, or sex. While all of this is important, as someone who wants to think distinctively as a Christian, I want more. Dave Harvey's marriage seminar, based on his popular book When Sinners Say 'I Do', was a blessing to our church. He was soundly biblical, honest about sin's dreadful effects on marriage, and glorious in its pointing to mercy and forgiveness found through the Cross."

Deepak Reju
Pastor of Counseling and Family Ministry
Capitol Hill Baptist Church (Washington, DC)
Author of *On Guard* and *The Pastor and Counseling*

"We were so well-served as a church by the "When Sinners Say I Do" retreat. The sessions were rich—thoroughly grounded in the freeing truth of the gospel and, at the same time, immensely practical. Marriages in our church were both envisioned and strengthened."

Mike Bullmore, Senior Pastor,
CrossWay Community Church, (Bristol, Wisconsin).

"As a pastor, I'm constantly looking for ways to strengthen and enrich the marriages of our church family. Having Dave Harvey come and offer valuable teaching from his excellent book, When Sinners Say 'I Do' has proven to be a key investment for us, and we continue to see the fruitfulness from his time with us."

Jonathan Holmes, Counseling Pastor, Parkside Church (Cleveland, OH);
Council Member, Biblical Counseling Coalition

Dave excels at bringing the heart of the gospel to the heart of marriage in his "When Sinners Say I Do" conference. He does so with warmth, candor, humor, and a servant's heart. This material is for all marriages, regardless of how long or strong your marriage is- you'll be blessed.

John Rogers - Pastor, Discipleship & Family Ministry

Christ Evangelical Presbyterian Church (Houston, Texas)

“There are as many ideas, techniques and opinions on how to improve our marriages as there are different marriage seminars available! What we so appreciated about WSSID was that it was really only about one thing: applying the gospel. Dave Harvey graciously and humorously helped us reconsider the motives of our hearts rather than looking for a quick fix for the challenges that are common to us all. In bringing us back to the mercy we’ve received in Christ, he not only instructed us, but more important, motivated us to want to be more like Jesus to each other in our marriages and relationships. A day well spent with lasting effect!”

Pete Greasley, Lead Pastor,
Christ Church (Newport Wales, UK)

“Dave Harvey was our guest speaker at our BCTC Fall Conference. Using his material from When Sinners Say ‘I Do’, he did a wonderful job in pointing out how the gospel is much needed in the everyday life of a married Christian couple.

Darrell Gustafson - Grace Covenant Church, (Gilbert, AZ)
Director of Grace Covenant Counseling Center
Director of Biblical Counseling Training Center of AZ (ACBC Certified)

“Dave Harvey’s teaching from When Sinners Say ‘I Do’ has been a tremendous blessing to people in the Portuguese speaking world. Dave’s book, published almost 10 years ago, continues to be one of the most popular titles we have ever published in this category despite the fact that we offered the book as a free download to countless thousands of online readers!”

Rick Denham
Executive Director - Fiel Ministries (Brazil)

“We hosted a marriage conference in Miami with Dave Harvey who taught the “When Sinner Say I Do” material. This conference proved fruitful on many levels. First, on a personal level it strengthened my marriage of 31 years. Second, it helped many of the young couples in our church whose marriages were bending under the weight of the pressures of living in the super heated waters of South Florida. Finally, one couple not only received help in their marriage but the messages on mercy were instrumental in the salvation of one of the spouses!”

Al Pino - Lead Pastor
Palm Vista Church (Miami, Florida)