

Community Building Questions

Foyer

1. If you were going to do any job other than the one you're doing now, what would you do?
2. What movie or TV program have you seen in the last year that you wish all your friends could see?
3. What is one of the most memorable compliments you've received as an adult? Teenager? Child?
4. What motivates you to go to work each day: money or personal satisfaction? If money were not an issue, how would you spend your days?
5. If you were forced to leave America, where would you go? Why?
6. Who is your primary advisor in life and why?
7. Who is the most famous person you have known or met?
8. What is the worst storm or disaster you've been in?
9. What is the most daring thing you have done?
10. If you could travel to anytime in history, when/where would you go? Why?
11. What is the most useless thing in your house? Why is it still there?
12. If your house were on fire, what three items (not people) would you try to save?
13. What was the best award or reward you ever received?
14. What was your favorite extracurricular activity in high school?

Living Room

1. If you were to take a 10 day trip in a car with your family or friends, what would they most likely hear you complain about?
2. Theologian and author A.W. Tozer once said, "A bit of healthy disbelief is sometimes as needful as faith to the welfare of our souls." What are the biggest questions you have about God or your relationship with God? Why are these questions needful?
3. What do you look forward to most about growing old? Least?
4. If you could relive any part of your life, what part would it be and why?
5. In your own life, have you learned more from your failures or from your successes? Explain.
6. What are the five things you are most thankful for in your life right now? What are some of the things you do to show this thankfulness?
7. Break your life into three segments. What was the most significant event from each of those periods of time?

Kitchen

1. What kind of people bring out the best in you? What two or three people in particular? Why?
2. When was the last time you said "I'm sorry" to another person? How difficult is it for you to say those words?
3. In what areas of your life is it most difficult to trust God? Other people? Yourself?
4. What are the circumstance in which you feel most susceptible to temptation at this stage in your life? What can you do to minimize these temptations?
5. Is there someone in your life that you can't stand or can barely tolerate? What bothers you most about this person?
6. What do you consider to be one of your greatest personal failures to date? What was the most important lesson you gained from this failure?
7. If you had to choose, would you say that you live more by legalism or grace? What is the difference between the two? What are the signs that tell if a person is living by one or the other?

Four Big Ideas For Asking Great Questions

1. **One Thing** – Be able to state succinctly the one thing you want the group to get from this discussion.
2. **Creating Discussion** – Have a process for getting them there.
 - Icebreaker questions – To create openness and readiness to discuss.
 - Discovery questions – Answer directly from the text.
 - Understanding questions – What does the text mean?
 - Application questions – What does this mean in your life?
3. **Silence is golden.**
 - What is silence saying?
 - Was the question clear? Ask them. Restate.
 - Are they thinking? Give them time. Allow the struggle.
 - Is the question too simple? Don't insult the group.
 - Too personal? Give an out. Smaller groups. Gender groups.
 - Remember: You serve people by listening to them
4. **Closure** – Summarize main point or learning from the group.
 - Often neglected.
 - Be sensitive to Holy Spirit.
 - Listen to the discussion. Take notes.
 - Sometimes a different application than originally intended.
 - Prayer – Application/Accountability