

QUESTIONS THAT BUILD MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS

1. What are some of the goals you have?
  - a. What do you want most out of life?
  - b. How badly do you want it?
  - c. What's it going to take to achieve that? (time, money, education, commitment...)
2. What kind of schedule do you have throughout the week?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ is essential in the Christian life (the Word, prayer, witnessing, fellowship...)
  - b. Are you doing it? Why? Why not? What's hindering you?
  - c. How can you do it? How can you start?
3. What were the events which led to your salvation? doubts?
4. Have you since then ever dedicated your life to God? Tell me about it.
5. What would you like to change about your (self, family, school, church...) if you had unlimited resources?
6. Do you find it difficult to get along with others?
7. What are some of the hardest experiences you've ever faced?
8. Do your friends know that you're a committed Christian?
9. Which 3 friends would you like to see become Christians?
10. What is your purpose in life?
11. What are some of your needs?
12. What are some of the most difficult things you are faced with now?
13. Is there something heavy on your shoulders today?
14. What's holding you back in life?
15. What do you like best about yourself?
16. What would you like to be? do? have? if you had unlimited resources.
17. Where would you place yourself on a scale of 0 to 10 as a Christian? student? employee... How could you improve?
18. What do you think makes the difference in the people around you?
19. What are the 5 most meaningful comments you've received in your life?
20. On a scale of 0 to 100, where 0 is suicidal and 100 is ecstatically happy, where are you today?
21. Who have been the most influential people in your life? Why?
  - a. Have you ever been deeply hurt by someone?
  - b. Have you been able to forgive them?
22. Are you dating?
  - a. What are some benefits/dangers of dating?
  - b. What kind of guidelines do you have? from scripture
  - c. What do you do? Where do you go?
  - d. How can you help that person to be a better Christian?
23. Describe the perfect \_\_\_\_\_ (teenager, parent, husband, wife, teacher, job, church...)
24. What are your strengths?
25. What are your weaknesses?
26. What's your plan of action to deal w/weaknesses, problems, character deficiencies?
27. What do you think your priorities ought to be?
28. Is there anything I can pray for you about?
29. What's your schedule like?
30. What are the most influential things that you've experienced?
31. List your own and memorize several key questions that will lead into deeper relationships.

QUESTIONS TO ASK IN MAKING CONVERSATION

Have you ever met someone for the first time and felt awkward about conversing with them? Well, why not avoid that situation by preparing yourself. Questions make you take an interest as well as make you interesting.

1. Ask general questions within the area of "public information", such as name, marital status, employment, how long, job before that, family, children, brothers, sisters, ages, jobs, location how long, house city before that, events leading to decisions...
2. Use statements to encourage further explanation such as "Tell me how you got involved in that particular job."
  - "That sounds interesting, explain that to me."
  - "Who or what influenced your direction out of high school?"
  - "What education have you had?" (training, experiences)
  - "Where did you meet your wife?"
  - "What do you want to do in \_\_\_ years?" (same job, school, city)
  - "What other interests do you have, recreational, hobby, enjoyment (common interests)?"
  - "Did you mean \_\_\_? Explain what you meant about \_\_\_\_\_. I'm not quite sure I understand."
  - "What advice would you give to me as a husband/wife, parent, student, business man, newlywed, Christian service worker?"
3. Listen for key statements of interest and ask (inquire further).
  - How did you reach that conclusion? What does that mean? definitions
  - I never thought (or heard) about \_\_\_\_\_. Tell me about it. Or what's \_\_\_\_\_ like?
  - Have you done much traveling? How far north, south, east or west, when, where, how long, vacation, business, family/friends live there?
4. Open ended discussion questions: What's your ideas/opinion about \_\_\_\_\_ or what are some of the problems you've faced in \_\_\_\_\_. (drug abuse, sex, abortion, evolution, religious, current events, marriage, counseling, work, family, parenting, politics, entertainment, restaurants, foods.)

GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. What are some books that you've read lately?
  - That sounds interesting. What was that about?
2. What/who are some of the people that have had the greatest influences/impact on your life?
3. What are/were some of the most major changes you've experienced in your life?
4. What are some of the most essential disciplines you need in your life?
5. What are some of the most challenging statements you've heard? Why?
6. What are some of the most difficult problems you've faced in life, marriage, your family?
8. What valuable learning experiences have you had?
9. What areas of study would you like to get into? Why?
10. Kinds, types of people you've met, places, problems, beliefs, philosophies, values, religions, pressures, difference in society, contrasts, comparisons, attitudes, responsibilities, priorities, employments, needs, friendships, past, present, future devotions.
11. Explain a newspaper/magazine article that you've read, then ask "What do you think?" or "What would you have done?" "Can you think of any Scripture that would apply to it?"
12. Remember always direct conversation toward constructive, positive solutions (not problem centered) but edification, building up (positive emphasis).
13. If you had unlimited resourced (time, money, people), what would you like to do?