

ICE-BREAKERS / CONVERSATION STARTERS

- What's one movie you could watch or book you could read over and over again?
- What do you do for fun?
- What would be your ideal vacation?
- What is the most memorable activity you did with your family as a child?
- What's a quality you really appreciate in a friend?
- What is one characteristic you received from your parents that you want to keep and one you'd like to change?
- What is a good thing happening in your life right now? What makes it good?
- If you knew you couldn't fail and money were no object, what would you like to do in the next five years?
- When, if ever, did God become more than a word to you, and how did it happen?
- What's the best thing that happened to you this week? What's the worst/hardest?
- If money were no problem and you could choose one place in the world to travel for a week what would that place be and why?
- What are your two most favorite summer activities? (Fall, Winter, Spring)
- Who is one of your most trusted advisors in life and why?
- If you suddenly lost your eyesight, what's one thing you would miss seeing the most? (hearing, taste, etc)
- what's the most daring thing you've ever done? What made it so daring?
- How do you make a PB&J? Properly cut a sandwich? (People have opinions!)
- Toilet paper- is the part you grab on the outside of the roll or under the roll? Might need to draw so people know what you're asking) and why?
- What's your favorite way to waste time?
- What's the story behind the longest time you've gone without sleep?
- Who is the most famous person you've ever known and or met? How did it happen?
- What do you miss most about childhood? Or what are you glad to be free from since childhood?
- If you could go to college (or go to college again) what would you study? If you could pursue a masters or another degree, what would you like to study?
- What's a dream job you had growing up? When you were little, what did you want to be when you grew up?
- What's the worst storm or disaster you've been in? What was it like?
- What day of your life would you most like to relive? Why?
- If you could travel in time for a few days, what time period and where would you go?
- What is one of the greatest adventures you've ever been on?
- If you could relive a season of your life again, which one would it be and why?
- What's something great you've done in the past that you wish you could relive or do again?
- Next year looks better to me because _____ / Next year looks harder to me because _____.
- I have never gotten the hang of _____ .
- I'm most like my mom in that I _____ / Dad _____. Be sensitive to the stories of everyone around the table- this one can be touchy based on backgrounds, or reveal deeper parts of people's stories.
- The idea of _____ makes me nervous. (Heights, public speaking, spiders, etc.)
- What are some things you remember about your grandparents?
- What does your name mean? Why were you named that?
- What's the best gift you received as a child?
- What's one of your most memorable Christmas gifts? (Received)

- If you could raise one person from the dead, who would you raise and why?
- What is one of the nicest things someone has ever done for you? What is one of the nicest things anybody has ever said about you?
- What is your favorite place in the US? Why?
- Where is somewhere you'd like to go?
- Where do you go or what do you do when life gets too heavy for you? Why?
- What is the best news you've heard this week? The worst?
- What brought you joy today/recently?
- What is one of the worst things your sibling did to you, or you did to your sibling as a child?
- If your house was on fire and you had time to grab three things safely, what would you try to grab and save? (not people)
- What was your first job? What do you remember the most about it?
- Who was/were your hero(es) growing up? How did you try to emulate (them)?
- Tell the group what's been happening in your life lately using these categories- something old, something new, something happy, something blue.
- In what area of your life would you like to have a greater peace? Why?
- What is one thing that makes you anxious or keeps you up at night/creeps into your thought life?
- What is one of your fears about the future? death? etc...
- What do you like best about your children? Why? (Be sensitive to the people/stories in your group.)
- Describe a grade school teacher who made a big impression on you - good or bad.
- You can have cereal you want tomorrow for breakfast- and there are no nutritional implications- what do you grab and why?
- If someone was going to make dessert for you, what would you request?
- Are you a sweets kind of person, or more into savory? What's your go-to snack or indulgence?
- You have been given one year off of work- what would you want to do with all of that time?
- Encourage one another: Go around your group and focus on someone or a few people each week or one night until you are able to cover everyone. "I'm so glad God made you _____ because that aspect of who you are is _____."
- One of my hidden talents is _____.
- If you were going to be sent to a deserted island for a year and all of your basic needs are met (all the essentials), but you can bring three things you want- what would you pick and why?
- If you watch TV, what do you like to watch these days? Or what's been a favorite series in the past?
- How do you take your coffee?
- What's your morning routine?
- What's your favorite thing to eat at Thanksgiving (make this seasonal- Christmas, easter candy, Halloween candy, during the summer, etc).
- What's your favorite holiday and why?
- If you could have dinner with three people in the past, present, or future- who would you choose (when) and what would you want to know, talk about or ask?
- MIX IT UP: Pass out 3x5 cards and have everyone in your group write down a question- then take turns answering them as a group, or draw cards and answer the question you draw.