90 Questions to Get to Know Others

Whenever you're meeting new people, or want to develop a deeper relationship with people you already know, it's often helpful to use the following types of questions to give others the opportunity to share the meaningful beliefs, events, values, goals and dreams of their lives. As we share our personal stories and dreams with one another, we connect with both our minds and hearts, which opens the way to understanding, empathy and real relationship.

The following 15 questions are from What Is Their Story?

With couples or close friends

- 1. "When you first met, what character qualities drew you toward each other?"
- 2. "Now that you've known each other for a while, what quality do you value most in the other person?"
- 3. "What are some ways that God has blessed you deeply in the past year?"
- 4. "What do you enjoy most about your work/family/school/life? Why?
- 5. "What is the greatest challenge you faced in the past year?"
- 6. "What is the most valuable lesson you've learned in the past year?"
- 7. "What keeps you awake at night?"

With young children

- 8. "What do you like most about your mom and dad?"
- 9. "If school was canceled for a month and you could go and do anything you wanted, what would you do?"
- 10. "What fictional place would you most like to visit?"
- 11. "What's the funniest thing your brother or sister (or pet) did in the past year?"

With college students

- 12. "What was the most surprising or scary moment last semester?"
- 13. "If you had a time machine and could go back to your senior year in high school, what advice would you give yourself?"
- 14. "What dreams or passions led you to choose your major?"

To draw out dreams that may have been abandoned long ago

15. "What would you do tomorrow if you knew you could not fail?"

The following 75 questions were adapted from **Conversation Starters World**

- 1. If you didn't have to sleep, what would you do with the extra time?
- 2. What hobby would you pursue if time and money weren't an issue?
- 3. What fictional place would you most like to go?
- 4. What skill would you like to master?
- 5. What would be the most amazing adventure to go on?
- 6. Are you usually early or late for meetings? Why?
- 7. What pets did you have while you were growing up?
- 8. When people come to you for help, what do they usually want help with?
- 9. What do you wish you knew more about?
- 10. What are some small things that make your day better?
- 11. What's the best way to start your day?
- 12. Who has impressed you most with what they've accomplished?
- 13. What would be your ideal way to spend the weekend?
- 14. What's your favorite holiday? Why?
- 15. How do you relax after a hard day of work?
- 16. What was the best book or series that you've ever read?
- 17. What's the farthest you've ever been from home?
- 18. What is the most heartwarming thing you've ever seen?
- 19. What could you give a 40-minute presentation on with absolutely no preparation?
- 20. What is something you think everyone should do at least once in their lives?
- 21. What's worth spending more on to get the best?
- 22. What are you most looking forward to in the next 10 years?
- 23. Where is the most interesting place you've been?
- 24. What's something you've been meaning to try but just haven't gotten around to it?
- 25. What's the best thing that happened to you last week?
- 26. If all jobs had the same pay and hours, what job would you like to have?
- 27. What city would you most like to live in?
- 28. Why did you decide to do the work you are doing now?
- 29. Where is the most relaxing place you've ever been?
- 30. What are you looking forward to in the coming months?
- 31. Where do you usually go when you when you have time off?
- 32. What is special about the place you grew up?

- 33. What question would you most like to know the answer to?
- 34. What question can you ask to find out the most about a person?
- 35. When was the last time you changed your opinion / belief about something major?
- 36. What was the best compliment you've received?
- 37. Who inspires you to be better?
- 38. What is something you will NEVER do again?
- 39. What are some of the events in your life that made you who you are?
- 40. What do you wish your brain was better at doing?
- 41. There are two types of people in this world. What are the two types?
- 42. If you could make one rule that everyone had to follow, what rule would you make?
- 43. What is one of your favorite smells?
- 44. What would you do if you knew you were going to die in one hour?
- 45. What book impacted you the most?
- 46. Who is / was your most interesting friend?
- 47. What risks are worth taking?
- 48. If you could convince everyone in the world to do one thing, what would that thing be?
- 49. What do you take for granted?
- 50. What character quality do you value most?
- 51. What small gesture from a stranger made a big impact on you?
- 52. What's the best piece of advice you've ever received?
- 53. When do you feel truly "alive"?
- 54. What was the most memorable gift you've received?
- 55. What do you like most about your family?
- 56. What do you hope your last words will be?
- 57. What could you do with two million dollars to impact the most amount of people?
- 58. If you were put into solitary confinement for six months, what would you do to stay sane?
- 59. What's something horrible that everyone should try at least once?
- 60. Have you ever saved someone's life?
- 61. What were some of the turning points in your life?
- 62. What are three interesting facts about you?
- 63. What's the hardest lesson you've learned?
- 64. What have you created that you are most proud of?

- 65. If you could make a 20 second phone call to yourself at any point in your life present or future, when would you call and what would you say?
- 66. What do you want to be remembered for?
- 67. What do you regret not doing or starting when you were younger?
- 68. What's the best thing you got from your parents?
- 69. What are the top three things you want to accomplish before you die? How close are you to accomplishing them?
- 70. What's the best thing about getting older?
- 71. What's something that happened or something that someone said that changed how you view life?
- 72. If you were allowed to relive one 10-minute block of your life again and again for all eternity, what 10 minutes of your life would you choose?
- 73. How do you hope you'll change as a person in the future?
- 74. What do you usually think about if you can't sleep at night?
- 75. What gives your life meaning?