

24 Intentional Questions

Asking questions is an art form. It will take time and practice to learn the art of conversation.

1. People invest time and energy into developing their careers, their bodies, and their relationships, but they often neglect the spiritual dimension of their lives. How do you actively pursue spiritual growth?
 2. Do you think much about spiritual things? (This question usually leads to a conversation about what "spiritual" means—that is, religion versus relationship.)
 3. How has this experience affected the way you look at God?
 4. We've never had a chance to talk about your religious background. Where would you say you are in your spiritual pilgrimage?
 5. How are you doing? (Look in their eyes and show you care. Then start praying for them by name.)
 6. What's your story? What's important in your life?
 7. I've been reading through the Gospel of Mark (or Matthew, Luke, or John) and I am totally in awe with the person of Jesus. Would you be willing to read three chapters of the Gospel of Mark (or Matthew, Luke, or John) and tell me what you think?
 8. I'd like to tell you how I established a personal relationship with God. (Then go on to tell your personal testimony of how you became a Christian. Keep it to three minutes, using the following outline: Before—what characterized my life before I trusted Christ; During—how I came to trust Christ; and After— how I am different now.)
 9. What is your concept of God? Do you view Him positively or do you view Him negatively?
 10. Have you ever come to a point in your life where you trusted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and Lord? Or, do you think that is something you're still moving toward? May I share with you how I came to that point?
 11. Do you find that faith and spiritual values play a role in your work? (Or day or marriage or perspective on life—choose one aspect of the person's life.)
 12. If you could be sure there is a God, would you want to know Him? Or, if you could know God personally, would you want to?
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13. Bring a friend to your church or a Christian event and then ask: What did you think of it? Did it make sense to you? Have you made the wonderful discovery of knowing God personally?

14. Do you go to church? Why? Or, why not?

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17. We've been friends for quite some time now, and I've never really talked to you about the most important thing in my life. May I take a few moments and do so?

18. Is Church something that has had an influence in your life? Are you at a point now that you want Church to be a bigger part of your life? What prompted this? Would you want to hear our basic beliefs so you'll know if that fits in with what you're looking for?

19. How do you think someone becomes a Christian?

20. Can I share the thing I've found most important to me as a dad (or a mom or a boss)?

21. What do you think about when you go to sleep at night? (If the answer is that anxiety or guilt is robbing the person of sleep, introduce the peace that is found in a relationship with Christ.)

22. Most people in America say they believe in God. What does believing in God mean to you?

23. Before I came to know Jesus personally, God was a vague concept that I could not relate to or grasp. How would you describe your view of God? Of Jesus? Is He a reality to you or is He more of a vague concept?

24. If you were to die tonight, do you think that you would go to heaven?