

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

The following list of questions is offered as a resource to help Christians in their discipleship relationships. The ultimate goal is that all Christians grow in their walk with Christ and in their obedience to God in all areas of life.

1. Faith:

The most important question in life is "What do you think about when you think of God?"

- a. What is your understanding of the gospel?
- b. Do you have assurance of salvation?
- c. Talk to me about your understanding of the work of the Holy Spirit.
- d. How much do you think about/meditate on your identity in Christ?
- e. How much do you think about Christ returning?
- f. What is your view of God and His character?
- g. Are you going through any trials right now, that are affecting your faith in God?
- h. How have you trusted God lately? How have you not trusted God?
- i. Is there an area you're struggling to believe God in?
- j. What are you motivated, encouraged and excited about in your personal life? In your small group?
- k. Where do you see God at work?
- l. What do you think God thinks of you right now? Can you point to a Bible verse that backs up what you just stated? (In other words, is your faith about what God thinks of you accurate?)
- m. Are there any areas of media that are stifling your relationship with God?
- n. Is your phone a distraction to your relationship with God?

2. Faithfulness:

- a. Do you live your life each day as an act of worship unto God (Romans 12:1-2)?
- b. Do you read the word of God in order to obey it? How conscious are you in applying God's word to your everyday life?
- c. Talk to me about your Bible reading habits. How are your quiet times going? What have you read lately?
- d. Talk to me about your memorization/meditation habits.
- e. Talk to me about your prayer life. How often do you pray?
- f. Are you praying regularly with your spouse?
- g. Are you being disobedient in any area of your life?
- h. Are you leading your children in prayer?
- i. What verse have you recently shared with your children?
- j. Have you been reading any books to supplement your walk with God? What are you learning from them?

3. Fellowship:

- a. Are you bearing a grudge toward anyone?
- b. Do you need to ask forgiveness from anyone?
- c. When was the last time your complimented your leader or spiritual authority?
- d. Do you have friends with whom you can share your deepest thoughts?
- e. Are you involved with a small group? How is it for you?
- f. Who are your personal spiritual mentors?
- g. Are there any unresolved issues with individuals that need to be resolved?
- h. Are you involved in serving at church?
- i. Talk to me about balancing your relationships with people at church versus relationships with extended family or other relationships outside of church.
- j. Give an example of how you've sought to be the servant of all and put the needs of another person first.
- k. Are you being transparent about your life with those closest to you? Give an example.
- l. Has anyone brought up a concern with you or your family recently? How did you respond?

4. Health and Fitness:

- a. Do you have any health issues I should be aware of?
- b. Talk to me about your exercise habits. How often do you exercise?
- c. What are your goals or desires for physical fitness?
- d. Are you comfortable with your weight? Any changes you'd like to see?
- e. How about your wife? Does she get regular exercise?
- f. Are you overindulging in any areas of food?
- g. How often do your children play outside?
- h. How much screen time do your children get in a week?
- i. Are you leading your children to cheerfully eat foods they do not normally like?
- j. How is your nutrition and diet?
- k. Talk to me about your temptations—eating/drugs/alcohol/porn.
- l. When was the last time you viewed pornography?
- m. When was the last time you engaged in masturbation?
- n. Is your smart phone/social media a distraction in your life? Tell me about it.

5. Work:

- a. Tell me about the work you do.
- b. Are you satisfied in your work? Are you excelling in it?
- c. How is your attitude at work?
- d. Talk to me about your reputation at your job. What are you known for?

- e. Talk to me about your relationship with your boss at work.
- f. Are you encountering any challenges at work?
- g. How are you taking steps to be a light for Christ's sake at your work?
- h. What are your goals in your field of work?
- i. Does your income from work allow you to comfortably provide for your needs and the needs of your family? If not, what options are you considering?
- j. Do you see yourself at the same company in 1 year? 5 years? 10 years?

6. Money and Possessions:

- a. When was the last time you generously gave to someone else (stranger, family member, believer; gift needn't be large or small, just generous)?
- b. Talk to me about your view of tithing/giving. Are you tithing? Why or why not?
- c. Do you have a budget?
- d. Are you comfortable with how your money is getting spent?
- e. Talk to me about your view of your possessions in relation to your relationship with Christ? (i.e., stewardship)
- f. Have you been through Financial Peace University?
- g. Where are you in the FPU 7 Baby steps? (1. Save \$1000 2. Eliminate non-mortgage debt 3. Save 3 months of living expenses 4. Save 15% of income towards old age 5. Provide for post-secondary education or career training for your children 6. Pay off house 7. Make more money so that you can give more.)
- h. Are you in debt? If so, what steps are you taking to get out of debt?
- i. Are you making wise financial decisions for your future and your family's future?
- j. In managing your physical home, is there anything the Lord wants you to do?

7. Family:

(In discipling others that are single, ask people to tell them about their father, family, upbringing. What are you doing to prepare for family in the future.)

- a. Talk to me about your relationship with your wife.
- b. Talk to me about your spiritual life with your wife (prayer and the word).
- c. How well do you communicate as a couple?
- d. What do you do as a couple for fun? Do you take date nights?
- e. If you ever have issues regarding your sexual relationship, do you have a way to work through those issues?
- f. Are you and your wife experiencing any particular challenges together?
- g. Talk to me about how you and your wife work through financial decisions.
- h. Talk to me about your relationship with your kids.
- i. What is your overall game plan for bringing your children up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord?
- j. Talk to me about your relationship with your parents.
- k. Talk to me about the spiritual health of your children.
- l. Talk to me about your education choices for your children. Are you happy with those choices?
- m. Are you discipling your kids?
- n. What is your main area of emphasis in training at the moment?
- o. Where have you seen your kids succeeding?
- p. What gifts do your children have? Are you developing and encouraging those?
- q. Would you characterize your children as obedient? Where are their greatest struggles to obey?
- r. Are you spending time together as a family?
- s. Do you regularly share meals together?
- t. Are you making memories together as a family?
- u. Is media being used as a tool or as a babysitter?
- v. Do your children value and treasure time with you? Are you nurturing that desire or pushing it away due to preoccupation or busyness?

8. Evangelism and Ministry:

- a. What are your spiritual gifts? Are you using them well?
- b. Who are you praying for/reaching out to with the gospel?
- c. Have you ever been on a short term mission team?
- d. Have you ever thought about being on a church plant?
- e. When was the last time you shared the Gospel with someone?
- f. Who are you currently mentoring/discipling?
- g. Are you able to give a simple testimony of how Christ saved you?
- h. Are you able to give a simple presentation of the gospel, so that a person can understand it and be saved?

Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Hebrews 3:13 But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

Hebrews 10:25 Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.