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QUESTIONS INVITE CONVERSATION

Good questions spark curiosity, deepen understanding, grow empathy, facilitate trust, and strengthen relationship bonds. When asked well, they can invite discussion and reveal how we think, what we value, and the depth of our curiosity.

OPEN-ENDED QUESTION STARTERS

- How did you...
- In what ways...
- Tell me about...
- What's it like...

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1. What is the most fun thing you've ever done?
2. What is the most unusual thing you've received as a gift?
3. What is your absolute *favorite* dessert?
4. What act of kindness would you love to do? Why haven't you done it?
5. What fills you with peace?
6. What brings you joy?
7. What question do you wish people would stop asking you?
8. What's the most powerful sacrifice you've witnessed?
9. What longing do you hope God will fulfill?
10. What are you uncertain about right now?
11. What nurtures hope in you?
12. How do you feel most heard?
13. Where do you need to trust God more?
14. What has been your greatest challenge this year?
15. What are you most grateful for today?
16. What does grace look like to you?
17. What is your biggest struggle?
18. What three words best describe your life?
19. What makes you feel safe?
20. What character trait do you most admire?
21. Do you feel pulled to take a leap of faith? What's stopping you?
22. What's the most extraordinary expression of love you've experienced?
23. What is the number one item on your bucket list?
24. What is something most people don't know about you?

PRAYERS FOR GATHERINGS

Gatherings are times for reminiscing, laughter, and catching up, yet sometimes we carry past hurts, broken trust, and lingering disagreements with us. Let's change the dynamic and lead with prayer, kindness, forgiveness, and the hope of reconciliation.

BLESS OUR TIME TOGETHER

Dear Lord, as we gather, bless our time together. Season our conversations with hope, joy, and love, and let us create memories we will long treasure. In Jesus' name, amen.

FAMILY GATHERINGS CAN BE DIFFICULT

Heavenly Father, family gatherings can be difficult. There are strained relationships, broken trust, and unresolved issues. Not all of us know You. Be with us, Lord. Let this time be filled with kindness, compassion, and healing. In Your Son's name, amen.

LET LOVE BE OUR GUIDE

Jesus, thank You for the blessing of each one who has gathered. Help us listen with open hearts, speak with kindness, and love with abandon. Fill our hearts with joy and our conversations with laughter. May love be our guide today. Amen.

DIFFERENCES ARE BLESSINGS

Father God, fill our time together with patience and encouragement. Our differences are blessings, but they can also come between us. Help us find common ground. Differences can cause us to hurt one another. When possible, lead us toward reconciliation. When reconciliation is not possible, help us to be patient and kind as we wait on Your timing. Let love lead, Father. Amen.

AS WE SAY GOODBYE

Lord, as we say goodbye, let our hearts be filled with peace. Some moments may have been chaotic, careless words may have been spoken, and conversations may have been awkward—but we gathered, and there is so much good in being together, however imperfectly. Let us release the frustrating moments and remember to treasure the love. In Jesus' name, amen.