

# **How to use this resource:**

Getting to know someone always includes question about what they like and don't like, about their past, their skills or job or education, their testimony and growth in Christ, and much more. This repository of questions is meant to help people in your group know one another with increasing depth. Very importantly, that doesn't only mean getting to know serious or "deep" things, but fun and interesting things too!

Here are some suggested uses for the questions:

- Have everyone answer an entire section of questions one at a time (requires brevity!)
- Ask one person to be the focus of an entire breakout time and do "rapid fire" questions using a couple questions from each section
- Use 1 or 2 questions at a time, just to gain information about people, find out commonalities and peculiarities about one another, and get insight into their lives. Then, move on to the "change" question for the week.
- When a new person is clearly "in" the group (i.e. after a few weeks), give them the chance to answer 5-10 questions for the group to get to know them.

Note: The questions are phrased in certain ways assuming certain contexts (to an individual or a group), but re-word them as needed to make them fit.

## **Background**

1. Tell us 3 things about where you grew up.
2. Who was in your house from 0-18? Who were you closest to?
3. What did you love to play or do as a child and/or teenager?
4. What was your first job? How long did you have it? What did you love/hate about it?

5. Has anyone served in a branch of the armed forces? When, where, how long?
  1. How has that experience shaped you?
6. What are your earliest memories of church growing up? What did you think of church as a teenager?
7. In college (or late teen years), what did you aspire to do as a job/career? Are you doing it? Why or why not?
  1. If yes, is it as fulfilling or interesting as you thought it would be?
8. Who has been the most influential person in your life outside of your family? Why? Are they still in your life today?
9. What are the top 1-2 pieces of advice you would give your 18 year old self?
10. How long have you been at Doxa and how did you originally hear about it?

## **Daily / Current Life**

1. What is your favorite thing to do on weekends?
2. What is your favorite form of entertainment?
3. What is your morning routine most days?
4. If you have kids, how is your relationship with them lately?
5. What do you do for work? What is your favorite and least favorite part of the job?
  1. Remember, full-time stay at home mom is work!
6. How do you like to exercise? Where do you do it? When?

7. What is your favorite kind of food and/or your favorite restaurant right now?
8. What is your relationship with your parents like lately?
9. If married, what are 3-5 words to describe the quality of your marriage right now?
10. What is something you're excited about right now?
  1. Could be an upcoming trip, something at work, a relationship that's going well in your life, a goal you are achieving, etc.

## **Future / Goals**

1. Who is someone you hope to be closer to one year from now than you presently are?
2. What is a book you have been meaning to read? When will you start reading it?
3. Is there a skill or hobby you want to learn or get better at?
4. What is an experience you hope to have in the next year that you've never had before?
5. Where do you plan or hope to live 3-5 years from now? Why?
6. Finish this sentence: One year from now, I am going to be more \_\_\_\_\_ than I am today. How will that happen?
7. Do you have any financial/savings goals you are aiming at in the next few years?
8. What is an area of theology or biblical studies you know you need to grow in? What is the first step you need to take (reading, watching, buying something)?

9. If you're married, what is one habit/tendency your spouse would like for you to stop? What keeps you from stopping it?

## **Funny / Interesting**

1. What's a habit you have that is odd or unusual?
2. What's a TV show you're watching right now that you enjoy?
3. What's the last movie you watched that made you think or respond deeply?
4. If you could go anywhere in the world tomorrow, where would it be and why?
5. If you could have a meal with one person in all of history, who would it be and why?
6. What is your favorite form of exercise?

## **Salvation/Testimony**

1. When did you come to trust Jesus as Savior and Lord of your life?
2. Who was influential in you hearing about and believing in Jesus?
3. Was your conversion a clearly defined moment (I was at X church, on X date, and believed) or more of a process through a relationship and inquiring about Jesus?
4. How did you see yourself change when you became a Christian?
5. What is your favorite Scriptural metaphor of salvation and why? (Born again, forgiven, new creation, death to life, adopted, redeemed, delivered, etc.)

# **Discipleship and Growth**

1. What is one thing you are asking God to change/grow in your character?
2. Is there a book of the Bible or a theological topic you are studying right now? Is there one you want to start studying soon?
3. Who has been a favorite author or teacher of yours that has positively influenced your understanding and relationship with God?
4. How is your time in the Word lately? How many times per week, what are you reading?
5. How is your prayer life? How do you want it to grow?
6. Is there someone you are specifically praying for and reaching with the gospel these days? If not, does someone come to mind you need to pray for to that end?

## **Going deep**

1. When you are alone with your thoughts (by yourself, lying in bed, etc.), what is something you commonly think about? What does it say about that person/thing/event that it takes up so much of your thinking time?
2. Is there an area in your life you are hurting - emotionally, spiritually, relationally - that you want to let us in on so we can love and encourage you?
3. What is something you struggle to believe about God that he has revealed about himself? How long has this been a struggle for you?
4. Is there anyone in your life, no matter how far back, that you have not forgiven for something they did to you? What would it look like to take the necessary steps toward forgiving them?
5. How can we pray for you?