



“ A good question can open the door for authentic conversation, fruitful wrestling, and soul transformation.”

MINISTRY FAMILY CONVERSATION STARTERS

PARENT REMINDERS:

Ask the question then give space for thinking and sharing
Resist becoming defensive
Creating open dialogue makes navigating future obstacles easier

KID QUESTIONS - (5-12'ISH)

Level 1

- Who is someone from church that you know loves you?
- What is your favorite thing we do at church?
- What is one way you would like to be more like one person in your family?
- What is one way that you and your family serve Jesus as a team?

Level 2

- What is something good that comes from serving Jesus together?
- When one of your family is away from home serving Jesus, what is a way you can help them?
- Talk about a time when you and your family did something for God that took courage.

Level 3

- If your family had a motto, what do you think it would be? (give some examples?)
- What is something you wish we spent more time doing together?
- What is a way that Mom and Dad can remind you that you really matter to us?
- When is it hard to be a kid in this family?

TEEN/YA QUESTIONS - (13+)

Level 1

- What are some of the things you like about being a part of a ministry family?
- What are some of the things that are hard about being in a ministry family?
- How do you think our family does at being a team? Why?
- Who are the other adults at church you feel connected to? What do you appreciate about them?
- What do you think our church does great?
- What do you think our church could do better? What are some of your ideas?
- What is one way you've seen God use you and your family?

Level 2

- What is something that you and your family have done that took courage?
- If someone were to ask you what the mission of your family is, what would you say?
- Do you have anyone around you, your age, that is from a ministry family, that can understand the challenges that it brings?
- Do you think you would have benefitted from a relationship like that?
- How often do you feel that expectations of your behavior are stricter than for other kids from other families? How do you feel about that?
- Should people in ministry be held to a different standard? Why or why not? How do you think this issue affects you?
- When you are struggling with something, would you rather talk about it with a parent, a mentor, a friend, or a few people who are struggling with the same thing?
- Do you ever feel stuck or frustrated when struggling because you know about things that you aren't allowed to share? How do you handle that?
- How often do you feel like you have to make decisions based not on your own convictions but on how others may perceive it?
- What difficult circumstance or season have you seen God bring good out of?

Level 3

- Was there ever a time that you struggled with "the church" and it caused you to struggle in your relationship with God?
- When you have struggled with something happening at church, do you feel like you got through that with your relationship with God intact? How did you do that?
- How would you advise other kids who struggle with "the church" and things that God's people might do?
- When you meet new people, how often do you intentionally avoid talking about what your dad/family does? If you do, can you explain why?