

SURFACE TO SOUL

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Questions for Young People to Ask Elders

- What is your full name? Why did your parents select this name for you? Did you have a nickname?
- When and where were you born? How did your family come to live there?
- What was the house (apartment, farm, etc.) like? How many rooms? Bathrooms?
- What's your earliest childhood memory (show pictures of your childhood)?
- What kind of games did you play growing up? What was your favorite toy and why?
- What was your favorite thing to do for fun (movies, beach, etc.)?
- Did you have family chores? What were they? Which was your least favorite?
- Did you receive an allowance? How much? Did you save your money or spend it?
- What was school like for you as a child? What were your best and worst subjects?
- Where did you attend grade school? High school? College?
- What school activities and sports did you participate in?
- Do you remember any fads from your youth? Fashion trends? Favorite music groups?
- Did you have any pets? If so, what kind and what were their names?
- What was your religion growing up? What church, if any, did you attend?
- Were you ever mentioned in a newspaper? Who were your friends when you were growing up?
- What world events have had the most impact on you and your family while you were growing up?
- How were birthdays and holidays celebrated in your family? Where did you go on vacation?
- How is the world today different from what it was like when you were growing up?
- What stories have come down to you about your parents? Grandparents? Distant ancestors?
- Are there any special heirlooms, photos, bibles, or other memorabilia that have been passed down?
- When and how did you meet each other? What did you do on dates?
- What was it like when you proposed (or were proposed to)? Where and when did it happen?
- Where and when did you get married? What memory stands out the most from your wedding day?
- How would you describe each other? What do you admire most about each other?
- What do you believe are the keys to successful relationships?
- How did you choose your children's names?
- What were your proudest moment as a parent?
- What were your hopes for your children?
- What is your profession and how did you choose it?
- What are you good at? If you could have had any other profession what would it have been?
- How has your faith changed since you were a teenager?
- How have your beliefs changed since then?
- Of all the things you learned from your parents, which were the most valuable?
- Which accomplishments are you most proud of AND why?
- What's on your bucket list?
- What do you want people to say about you at your funeral?
- What do you want your children/grandchildren to know about Jesus?
- What difference does Jesus make in your life?



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