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Questions of Faith for Panel Discussions

YOUR FAITH JOURNEY

- What do you remember about your family's faith traditions when growing up (worship, Sunday School, etc)?
- What are some ways your family practiced or expressed their faith when you were going up?
- What were some turning points in your life related to how you understood God and expressed your faith?
- Who inspired or challenged you in your faith when growing up? Who inspires you now? Who are you seeking to inspire in their faith?
- What are some of your favorite prayers or scripture passages? Why are they important to you?
- What do you want others to know about your faith? What are some ways you share your faith with others?
- What role have congregations played in your spiritual growth?
- In what ways would you like to be more intentional about your faith?
- What do you see as "next steps" in your faith journey or growth as a Christian?

YOUR FAITH PRACTICES

- How often do you worship at church? What parts of the worship experience are most meaningful to you?
- How often do you pray? What and who do you pray for? Where do you pray? Are there certain prayers you frequently say (e.g., the Lord's Prayer, or a meal or bedtime prayer)?
- What portions of the Bible have you read? When do you read the Bible? How do you read the Bible?
- In what ways does the Bible inform the decisions you make?
- With whom do you most frequently talk about your faith?
- How often do you talk about your faith with people who are unchurched or have no church home?
- With whom do you regularly have Caring Conversations? How often is God the subject of your conversations?
- In what ways do you serve at and beyond the congregation?
- Do you see your acts of service as an expression of your faith? If so, in what ways?
- How do you practice faith during family gatherings or during special times such as birthdays, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, and 4th of July?
- When and where are you most aware of God's presence in your life?
- Do you have any daily, weekly, or monthly rituals related to practicing your faith?
- What do you remember about the faith milestones in your life (i.e. baptism, first Bible, confirmation, etc.)?

YOUR FAITH UNDERSTANDINGS

- In what ways does your faith inform the decisions you make about time and money?
- In what ways does your faith inform how you treat and interact with others?
- In what ways does your faith inform your role as a citizen?
- In what ways does your faith inform your voting decisions and the causes you support?
- What do you see as the primary role of the church?
- What does it mean to you to BE the church wherever you go?
- Do you feel it's important for a person to be part of a church or faith community? If so, why?
- What do you consider to be your calling in life? How and for what do you wish to be remembered?
- What do you see as your primary gifts? How are you using these gifts to be a blessing to others?
- What do you want others to know about Jesus?
- What do you think God is up to in your life now?
- How has your understanding of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit changed over the years?
- Based on your life and faith experiences what advice would you like to give to people under 18 years old?
- How would you describe the Bible to others? How do you interpret what the scriptures say and mean?



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