

# SEEKING TRUTH TOGETHER

Ask the others a question about . . .

*(We [together] have the mind of Christ. 1 Corinthians 2:16)*

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	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
2	mercy received	prayer	God the Father	love for God	Jesus Christ	love for others	The Holy Spirit	people who do not know Jesus Christ	worship	sin	2	
3	service	the church	world hunger	complaining	quenching the Holy Spirit	death	evangelism	confession to God	marriage	jobs & making money	3	
4	Bible reading and study	kindness	family and home	finances	speech	exhorting Christians to obedience	hospitality	obedience	conformity	helping others	4	
5	friendship	sisters and brothers	putting up with Christians	unfaithfulness	what to live for	hope	parents	forgiveness received	sick and handicapped people	racism and prejudice	5	
6	attitude	drinking alcohol	anxiety	success	community	treasure	money	honoring other Christians	witnessing	divorce	6	
7	rules	heroes	giving mercy	giving forgiveness	weakness	children	carrying other Christians's burdens	using drugs	communication	government	7	
8	<b>FOR EXAMINATION ONLY NOT AUTHORIZED FOR DISTRIBUTION</b>  <b>ALL 19 FAITH PRAYER &amp; TALK GRIDS ARE FREE WITH AN ORDER OF 2 SETS</b>				lifestyle	lying and falsehood	confession to other Christians	priorities	anger	acceptance of others	self-image	8
9					talents	love for enemies	doubt	submission to other Christians	leadership	failure	spiritual gifts	9
10					commitment	malls and shopping	love for the poor	mothers	people who resist Jesus Christ	guilt and shame	abortion	10
11					contentment	love for criminals	the environment	discipline	self-disclosure & vulnerability	domestic violence	making decisions	risk taking

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## TO USE LIKE A GAME

Roll 2 dice twice to locate a table cell. First roll is vertical and second roll is horizontal. 12 = you choose a number. Or use a deck of cards where you ignore face cards and the ace is 11. Selecting table cells rotates.

If the cell item has already been dialogued, use one from any cell touching the cell of the numbers. Then, complete the sentence.

When a person answers, others ask curious questions to get to know that family member better, but never to criticize. The best questions are “Why?” and “What do you mean?” Then, going around the circle, everyone answers that same question. This process repeats with the next person clockwise (or you can go by age, from the youngest to oldest).

## TO USE AS A GUIDE, NOT AS A GAME

Begin in the top left-hand corner and move from item to item as if reading a book. All people answer that selection before moving on to the next.

## ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS

It is suggested the answers be given in age order, beginning with the youngest. That way everyone will have something to offer. But, if only adults are sharing, starting selections rotates clockwise.

## READ TO PARTICIPANTS

DIALOGUE is a form of communication that can help people get to know and appreciate one another. Dialogue is not for problem-solving, arguing or criticism. It is for understanding people.

Let people be themselves, even if they give an answer that you do not agree with or like. Instead of objecting or offering criticism, ask the other persons “Why” questions. This will help you clarify what they are saying and what they think and feel about things. Other people will appreciate your efforts to understand them.

Try to be careful regarding your answers. You don’t need anyone’s permission to answer what is true for you. But, what you say will be remembered by the others.

Avoid conflict over these answers. When you do not agree, you will have your turn to give what you think and feel. Arguing is not good.

## WHAT IS DIALOGUE?

There is probably no finer communication skill than dialogue. Therefore, if you and your family learn to do it, you will become more able than most to build warm, loving relationships.

**DIALOGUE IS MERELY ASKING QUESTIONS  
OF ONE ANOTHER  
OUT OF CURIOSITY  
IN ORDER TO BETTER  
KNOW AND UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER**

The aim of dialogue is to get to know and better understand one another. In fact, it would be a great goal to become fascinated with the most important people in your life — especially with their uniqueness and difference from yourself.

Dialogue usually means just asking the questions “Why?” and “What do you mean?” over and over again. When you ask a person a “why” question, it usually opens up a bit of new information about him or her. Another “why” question yields a little more. When a “why” question seems hard to think of, then any simple, friendly, non-judgmental question motivated by curiosity is fine.

Dialogue helps you find out what others really think and feel. It also helps others find out what you really think and feel.

Understanding and accepting other people – deeper and deeper through dialogue – knowing how they think and feel, as well as what they really mean by what is said, creates much better relationships.

### *Successful Family Dialogue*

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