

Level 1 – Icebreakers for Acquaintances

1. What was your favorite breakfast as a kid?
2. If you could be any kind of animal for one day, what would it be? Why?
3. If you could invite anyone, living or dead, to dinner, who would it be and why?
4. If you could sit with a person, dead or alive, to do an icebreaker with, who would it be?
5. Tell us about your first job. How old were you and what were you doing?
6. Did you have a favorite pet growing up? Why?
7. Tell us about your favorite junk food.
8. How did you get to school in the 5th grade?
9. Describe your favorite vacation and what made it special.
10. What was the best time of your life and what made it so great?
11. What was your biggest fear or worry when you were 18 years old?
12. What was your first car and how did you acquire it?
13. Describe a vacation that was memorable for some reason: who, what, when, and why?
14. What vacation spot have you been to that you would like to revisit and why?
15. Share something you remember from your childhood home.
16. Tell us something about yourself that we would be surprised to know.
17. Tell us about your favorite ice cream flavor and how that resembles your faith.
18. What was your favorite summer activity when you were grade-school age?
19. If you were a pair of socks, what would you be like? Describe your “socks”. Why those?
20. As a child, did you have a favorite relative that you liked to visit? What made those visits so enjoyable?
21. Tell us about a hobby or activity that you enjoy so much that it is easy to lose track of time.
22. Who was your first friend and what do you remember the most about that person?
23. Where did you go to first grade and what is your most vivid memory of first grade?
24. When was your first plane ride and where were you going?
25. Where is your favorite place and what makes it special?
26. Tell us about a place that you used to go but are unable to go there again.
27. What was your favorite color when you were a child and has it changed?
28. Tell us something about the town you were born in. What is your fondest memory of that town?
29. If you could use any vehicle to travel, what would it be and where would you go?
30. What is your favorite Bible verse or story and why is it your favorite?
31. What is your favorite place where you have visited or vacationed and why is it your favorite?
32. If you took tomorrow off from work or usual duties, what would you do?
33. Describe your profession and your various duties or responsibilities.
34. What subject did you most dislike in school?
35. What did you do with some of your spare time this week?
36. What is your favorite smell? Why?

37. What is your least favorite vegetable? Why?
38. What was your favorite playground game when you were a child?
39. Who was your best friend from elementary school?
40. What was your favorite way to spend Sunday when you were growing up?
41. What was your favorite activity during your summer vacation when you were in grade school?
42. What talent do you wish you had and why?
43. What is something new that you would like to try?
44. What is your favorite season of the year? Why?
45. How far did you travel to grade school and how did you get there?
46. Describe your family dinner table when you were in elementary school? Who was there? Where did they sit?
47. What was your favorite outdoor activity when you were a teenager?
48. What is your favorite room in your home? Why?
49. Tell about the most far-away place you have visited?
50. If money was no object, what present would you give to someone special?

Level 2 – Icebreakers for deeper Friends

1. Have you ever had a recurring dream? What was it?
2. What is the most uncomfortable bed you have ever slept in? When?
3. Did you have a fear as a child? What was it?
4. Do you (or did you) have a nickname?
5. Describe an uncomfortable social situation that you've been in.
6. Describe one of your family traditions.
7. What do you consider your greatest strength?
8. What is your earliest memory as a child?
9. How did your parent(s) discipline?
10. Tell about a person in your life who shaped who you are today?
11. Who was the best (or worst) role model you have had?
12. Describe a significant loss you have experienced and how you reacted?
13. Describe where you go and what you do to bring calm or peace to your life?
14. Have you ever been involved in an emergency situation and how did you react?
15. What subject in school did you enjoy the most? Why?
16. Talk about a job (or an aspect of a job) that was difficult for some reason.
17. Name one thing you want your loved ones to remember you for.
18. Have you ever had to make a difficult decision and how did you go about it?
19. Share a word or verse you remember from the Bible. What is its value to you and how have you used the word in everyday life?
20. If you could go back in time, what time period would you visit? Why?
21. Is there something about you that drives your partner or friends crazy? Are you willing to share what that is?
22. What makes you laugh really hard?
23. Name a famous person with whom you would like to share dinner and a conversation. Why that person?
24. What teacher made the most impact on your life? How?
25. Who has made the biggest spiritual impact on you?
26. Describe the person in your life who had the greatest impact during your formative years.
27. What is your favorite parable and how have you applied it to your life?
28. Describe a time you were scared or afraid.
29. Describe a time when you felt God's presence.
30. Do you have a book or movie scene that makes you emotional every time you read or see the scene? Can you explain why you become emotional?
31. In your family who did you go to when you got into trouble?
32. How did you meet your spouse?
33. _____ makes me feel guilty.
34. What movie or television show has had a deep emotional impact on you?
35. Tell about the best job you have had in your work history.
36. Talk about one of your favorite characters in history and what attributes you like about him/her.
37. Who was your favorite relative when you were growing up? Why? How did that person impact your life?

38. Tell us about the church/faith experience you had while growing up.
39. Why did you choose this small group?
40. What is the nicest thing someone has done for you?
41. Who was a strong influence in your life other than your parents?
42. What is something you wish you could “do over”?
43. Who or what has had a big impact on your faith?
44. Who was your best friend in high school? Are you still friends? Why or Why not?
45. What is something that pushes your “angry” button?
46. If someone were to come up to you on the street and ask if you have been “saved” what would your response be?
47. To whom would you turn if you discovered that all of your financial worth was gone?
48. _____ is the person in my life that I can always count on.
49. What does it mean to you when you hear that Jesus wept?
50. If you could be anywhere but here right now, where would it be?