

WISE WORDS – Intergenerational Mutual Interview A

With many thanks to the IYS project and Rev Valerie Grissom (see <https://www.intergenerateconference.com/iys-project> and <https://iysproject.org/#>)

READ BEFORE YOU START:

- Decide who is going to be person A and person B – you should be people of different generations – you each need a copy of the interview script.
- Every question needs to be asked and answered by each other, even if it feels redundant, please repeat the question the second time - this is important!
- If you reach a question you don't resonate with, just say PASS, and move to the next question - totally OK!
- Please respect and honour each other's part in the conversation by refraining from immediately responding to or asking questions. If you are struggling to understand an answer, then say, "Tell me more...." Be ok with pauses/silence.
- Carefully listen to the tone of each other. Refrain from sarcasm or humour when someone is sharing honestly and openly.
- A special note to adults – please refrain from feeling you need to answer or respond to everything a younger person says – save that conversation for later! Focus on listening as much as possible.
- This interview requires mutual TRUST that we will honour and respect each other's opinion, point of view—each of you have a unique story!

INTERVIEW SCRIPT A

A - This is a Mutual Interview. Everything I ask you, you also get to ask me! And we will take turns on who asks first – so that it's fair.

B - Please remember, if we get to a question for either of us that we are not sure about or don't want to answer, we can say "Pass" to skip over it, OR "For Later," and we can come back to the question later.

B - Let's pray: God, we thank you for this time for [*Name of partner*] and I to learn more about each other. Help us listen carefully to one another.

A - Help this be a space where [*Name of partner*] and I can share about our real lives, our real faith in Jesus. Bless this time together, Amen.

A - So what name do you like to go by?

B - What name do you like to go by?

B - How many years old are you?

A - How many years old are you?

A - What pronouns do you identify with?

B - And what pronouns do you identify with?

B - Describe yourself in 5 words or fewer.

A - Describe yourself in 5 words or fewer.

A - What's a lifegiving (or good) thing that happened to you this week?

B - What's a lifegiving (or good) thing that happened to you this week?

B - What's a not-so-life-giving (or good) thing that happened to you this week?

A - What's a not-so-life-giving (or good) thing that happened to you this week?

A - What is the worst food in the world?

B - What is the worst food in the world?

B - What is a favourite way for you to spend your free time?

A - What is a favourite way for you to spend your free time?

A - What is the most challenging part of your life right now and why?

B - What is the most challenging part of your life right now and why?

B - If you could have a superpower, what would it be and why?

A - If you could have a superpower, what would it be and why?

A - In this next set of questions, we'll be unpacking what faith in God means to each of us. Talking about our faith like this can feel vulnerable and that's okay!

B - Please know that there are no right or wrong answers to these questions, and that you can say literally anything. We're not here to

judge one another. We're here to listen and share with one another.

B – How do you currently engage with God? Where do you notice God, or sense God?

A - How do you currently engage with God? Where do you notice God, or sense God?

A - Where do you feel God seems absent or far away?

B - Where do you feel God seems absent or far away?

B - To you, who is Jesus?

A - To you, who is Jesus?

A - What is your favourite thing that Jesus said and why?

B - What is your favourite thing that Jesus said and why?

B - What question would you like to ask Jesus if you could?

A - What question would you like to ask Jesus if you could?

A - The early church were challenged: “. . .**let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.**” 1 John 3:18

B - Where have you seen people failing to practice what they preach when it comes to loving others?

A - Where have you seen people failing to practice what they preach when it comes to loving others?

A - Who do you find it difficult to respond to with loving actions?

B - Who do you find it difficult to respond to with loving actions?

B - Who do you find it difficult to share the truth with in love?

A - Who do you find it difficult to share the truth with in love?

A - If you were in charge of [*name of our church/ministry/ shared context*], where would you want to put our words into action?

B - If you were in charge of [*name of our church/ministry/ shared context*], where would you want to put our words into action?

B - Well we made it to the end of this interview. [*Name of partner*], it is an honour to hear how God is working in your life.

A - [*Name of partner*], I am honoured to hear how God is working in your life.

B -Today we will close in a Mutual Blessing as we send each other to continue to in God's calling for our lives in our families, our church, and the world.

A - [*Name of partner*], May the love of Christ dwell richly in your heart as you continue to seek to love others.

B - [*Name of partner*], May the love of Christ dwell richly in your heart as you continue to seek to love others.

A & B (*TOGETHER*): In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, go in

peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.