

WISE WORDS – Intergenerational Mutual Interview B

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

- Decide who is going to be person A and person B – these need to 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 B

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.

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

B- 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 would your dream holiday be?

B - What would your dream holiday be?

B - Describe your favourite music, movie, art, book, or something that has inspired you recently.

A - Describe your favourite music, movie, art, book, or something that has inspired you recently.

A - What kind of learning have you done? If you are in school right now, what year are you in and where do you go? If you are out of school, what are you working on learning right now?

B - What kind of learning have you done? If you are in school right now, what year are you in and where do you go? If you are out of school, what are you working on learning right now?

B - What is your favourite subject or area of interest?

A - What is your favourite subject or area of interest?

A – What is the wisest piece of advice anyone has given you?

B – What is the wisest piece of advice anyone has given you?

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

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

A - Describe what family means to you—who makes up your family? including people, pets, friends.

B - Describe what family means to you—who makes up your family? including people, pets, friends.

B - Who are you able to talk about faith with?
family members? teachers? church people/ friends?

A - Who are you able to talk about faith with?
family members? teachers? church people/ friends?

A - Who do you find it hard to talk about faith and God with?
B - Who do you find it hard to talk about faith and God with?

B - How do you listen to hear what the Spirit would have you do in
your everyday life?
A - How do you listen to hear what the Spirit would have you do in
your everyday life?

A - In this next set of questions, we'll be exploring what being a part
of [*name of church or ministry*] is like.

B - Again, there are no right or wrong answers to these questions. You can literally
say anything. We're not here to judge. We're here to listen and share.

B - How long have you attended [*name of church or ministry*]?
A - How long have you attended [*name of church or ministry*]?

A - If you were to describe our church (or ministry), what would be
your top 3-5 words?

B - If you were to describe our church (or ministry), what would be
your top 3-5 words?

B - List 1 or 2 ways you feel you belong at [*name of church or ministry*].
A - List 1 or 2 ways you feel you belong at [*name of church or ministry*].

A - Can you describe any ways, no matter how subtle, that you feel
you do not belong in your faith community? It's ok to be brutally
honest here.

B - Can you describe any ways, no matter how subtle, that you feel
you do not belong in your faith community? It's ok to be brutally
honest here.

B - What Generation do you belong to and which generation do you
most identify with. Here are the options:

- Greatest Generation, Born 1901-1926
- Silent Generation, Born 1927-1945
- Baby Boomers, Born 1946-1964
- Gen Xers, Born 1965-1980
- Millennials, Born 1981-1996

- Gen Z, Born 1997-2012
- Gen Alpha, Born 2013-2025

A - What Generation do you belong to and which generation do you most identify with. (*List of options above.*)

A - What do you think makes your generation unique?

B - What do you think makes your generation unique?

B - Each generation has a special gift of experience to give [*name of church or ministry*]. What do you think your generation contributes that no other generation can?

A - Each generation has a special gift of experience to give [*name of church or ministry*]. What do you think your generation contributes that no other generation can?

A - In our [*name of church or ministry*], where do you see generations left out or excluded?

B - In our [*name of church or ministry*], where do you see generations left out or excluded?

B - What is something you wish younger generations knew about adults and older generations today?

A - What is something you wish adults and older generations knew about younger generations today?

A - The early church were challenged: **“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”** 1 Peter 4:10

B – What gifts are you able to use to serve others in church and elsewhere?

A – What gifts are you able to use to serve others in church and elsewhere?

A – What gifts would you like to be able to use in church but currently have no opportunity?

B – What gifts would you like to be able to use in church but currently have no opportunity?

B – What support would you like to develop and grow your gifts?

A – What support would you like to develop and grow your gifts?

A - 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.

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

A -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.

B - [*Name of partner*], May the God who has richly blessed you with all good gifts remind you that you belong, you are a child of God.

A - [*Name of partner*], May the God who has richly blessed you with all good gifts remind you that you belong, you are a child of God.

A & B (*TOGETHER*): In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.