

WISE WORDS – Intergenerational Mutual Interview C

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 C

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 pronouns do you identify with?

B - And what pronouns do you identify with?

B – What is your favourite toy or game?

A – What is your favourite toy or game?

B - Describe yourself in 5 words or fewer.

A - Describe yourself in 5 words or fewer.

A – What would be your perfect meal?

B – What would be your perfect meal?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 - 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 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 - Go back in time. Pretend you are observing your earliest memory of talking with God or feeling God nearby. Describe what you heard, felt, saw, tasted, smelled, touched. Who was there?

B - Go back in time. Pretend you are observing your earliest memory of talking with God or feeling God nearby. Describe what you heard, felt, saw, tasted, smelled, touched. Who was there?

B - When you were last in church / our group did you draw close to God and God draw close to you?

A - When you were last in church / our group did you draw close to God and God draw close to you?

A - What does worship mean to you?

B - What does worship mean to you?

A - How do you engage with the Bible?

B - How do you engage with the Bible?

A - What's a question that has come up for you when it comes to faith, God, and the church? – again, you can say literally anything here, it's ok.

B - What's a question that's come up for you when it comes to faith, God, and the church? – again, you can say literally anything here, it's ok.

A - The early church were challenged: **“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”** 2 Corinthians 5:17

B - What has God already changed in you?

A - What has God already changed in you?

A - What other signs of new life do you see in the world?

B - What other signs of new life do you see in the world?

B - Where in your life can you see that your faith makes a difference?

A - Where in your life can you see that your faith makes a difference?

A - Where would you like to ask Jesus to help you live out your faith?

B - Where would you like to ask Jesus to help you live out your faith?

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 you feel the sending power of the Holy Spirit today, who emboldens you and enables you to do all that you are called to do.

A - [*Name of partner*], May you feel the sending power of the Holy Spirit today, who emboldens you and enables you to do all that you are called to do.

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