

Dream Together

Mentoring toward life purpose

Mentor-to-Mentee Questions

1. What's something you liked a lot about life when you were younger? What's something you like a lot about life right now?
2. What's your secret skill most people don't know about?
3. What's something recently that inspired you?
4. What's a lesson you learned that's been important to you?
5. What daily routines do you have? How does that differ from your ideal routine?
6. What do you think about setting goals or resolutions? When has it supported you? When has it not served you well?
7. Does thinking about positive things always bring positive results? Why or why not?
8. Do you think God has a plan for your life? Why or why not?
9. What habits move you in a life-changing direction? What habits put you in a dark or frustrated place?¹⁹
10. In what ways have you seen someone else have a positive impact on the world? Do you believe *you* can have a positive impact on the world? How?
11. How do you spend your time? How do you wish you spent your time?
12. What would you do if you had an afternoon of free time?
13. What are three ways you'd enjoy effectively serving a group of people you care about?

¹⁹ Questions 9–10: "Axis The Culture Translator: Weekly Pop Culture Updates." Axis. Axis, Accessed April 24, 2023. <https://axis.org/resource-category/culture-translator/>.

14. What is the group size in which you thrive? (One-on-one, medium, large?)
15. What depth and kind of friendships would you say you typically develop?
16. Would you rather be a team member or a team leader? Would you rather serve behind the scenes or be a one-person show? How do you respond to competitive situations?
17. What's one hard experience you've had that you think could be used to help someone else who's struggling?
18. In what circumstances do you sense you are operating within your spiritual giftings?
19. Has there ever been a time that you felt smack dab in the center of God's will? What did it look like and feel like?
20. What is the one goal you would prioritize over everything else in the next five years? In the next year? In the next month? In the next week?
21. Is there anything you know God has been telling you to do that you haven't yet done? What is it?
22. If you could change one aspect of the world, what would it be? Conversely, what is something you deeply appreciate about the world?
23. Is there anything keeping you from being included in what God is doing right now?
24. What do you wish you could plan for or change about the future?
25. What is something you've always wanted to learn? What is something you wish you knew how to do?

Mentee-to-Mentor Questions

1. Can you share the story of how you got into your field of work or ministry?
2. What would you say is your secret to success?
3. How do you react when you encounter challenges in your life?
4. What's something awesome that happened because you were bored?²⁰
5. What is one interaction or project you wish you could go back and redo?
6. What is the most effective goal or resolution you ever set?
7. Have you ever tried to stop [a specific habit]? What do you think is hard about quitting [specific habit]? Why (or why not) is it hard?
8. Why do you do what you do? How do you do what you do?
9. Who are the three mentors who mentored you in your ministry / vocation? How did they do it? What did you learn? How did they affect who you are today?
10. What would you have wanted to know at my age that you know now? How did you discover it?
11. What's one goal you would accomplish [in your job / for your family / for the kingdom of heaven] if you knew you could not fail?
12. Time and money aside, what would you rather be doing?²¹
13. How do you manage your time successfully?
14. What made the difference for you?

²⁰ "Axis The Culture Translator: Weekly Pop Culture Updates." Axis. Axis, Accessed April 24, 2023. <https://axis.org/resource-category/culture-translator/>.

²¹ Questions 12–25: Myers, Jeff, conversation with the author, January 31, 2014. I'm not kidding—send your kids to Summit and read Dr. Myer's books!

15. What are some lessons you've learned along the way?
16. If you had it to do over again, what would you do differently?
17. Who are key leaders in your field I should pay attention to?
18. Who are some of the people who personally influenced you toward success?
19. What are the three books you have found most helpful in your field?
20. Are there any magazines or publications I need to read regularly?
21. What are your goals at the present?
22. Have you ever coached anyone else to be successful in this field?
23. What are some ways I can learn more about this field?
24. What are some of the obstacles along the way that I'll need to be aware of?
25. What questions have I not asked that I should be asking?

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