

One of three Significant Seed Planters: QUESTIONS

Questions About the listener's background (family, childhood, life experiences)

- Where did your family vacation?
- Where did you grow up?
- What was the hardest thing about growing up for you?
- Tell me about your family.
- Where did you go to high school? What kinds of things were you involved with then?
- What do your parents do?
- Do you have a boyfriend or girlfriend? Tell me about your relationship.
- What do you miss most about home, now that you're at college?
- How well did you get along with your siblings?
Are your parents still together? If still married: What about their marriage would you like to follow their example?
If divorced: why did they get a divorce? How has that affected you?
- Have you ever been to church? Tell me about your religious background. Was it a positive or negative experience for you?
- Where have you traveled? What was your favorite place and why?
- How would you describe your present relationship with your family? Individuals in your family?
- What order are you in your family? Did you like that?
- How many times did you move while growing up? What was your favorite place that you lived?
- Have you ever had a pet? Explore this area.
- Who was your best friend growing up? Are they still your best friend? Why or why not?
- What was your first job?
- Where did you and your family vacation?
- What is your favorite and worst memory growing up?
- What was the most frightening memory of your childhood?
- Have you ever been close to death as a kid?
- What about your family has had the greatest impact on you?
- What is the most important lesson you learned from mom? Dad?
- What kind of family did your parents come from? Do they act like your grandparents? How?
- Who are you closest to in your family and why?

- What was the one thing you would have wished your dad would have said to you growing up, but he never did?
- Do you have any special family traditions growing up?
- How did your family celebrate the holidays? Christmas? Thanksgiving? Easter?
- Tell me about your relationship with your grandparents.
- When growing up, what kinds of things did you do over summer break?
- What are your hobbies?
- What one event in your life has most shaped you – for good or bad?
- If you could change one thing about your childhood – what would it be?

Asking the listener's advice or opinion

- What do you think of President _____?
- What political party would you affiliate yourself with and why?
- What do you think of Christians you've met? Best interaction and worst interaction?
- If there were one thing you could change about Christianity, what would it be?
- What do you think of Jesus Christ?
- If someone were to say to you: "Hey, I want to become a Christian. What do I need to do first?" – what would you tell them?
- If there were one thing you would change about our world, what would it be?
- How do you think we should get rid of terrorism?
- Which religion do you like the best? The least? And why?
- What do you like most about the new union?
- What is the most important lesson every parent should teach their kids?
- What kind of music do you listen to? And why?
- What is your advice to the couple who just broke up – how to get over it in a quick and healthy way?
- Do you think there is one absolute truth? How do you know if it's true?
- What are the three major goals for your life?
- If you could describe God in a sentence or two, what would your description be?
- What do you think about the institution of marriage?
- Do you think there is an after-life? And if so, where do people go after they die?
- After graduating from college, where do you want to live?

- What do you think about the Bible?
- What are your thoughts about abortion?
- What are your thoughts about the death penalty?
- How do you think the university handled the deaths of these six young women?
- What you think about (particular television show)?
- What do you think about (particular book)?
- How old should you be before you date?
- Do you think the drinking age is fair?
- What helps you study? What professor should I take?
- In your opinion, what is the best place to take a date in this area?
- What is the one quality that you would most want in a husband/wife?
- Do you believe in evolutionism or creationism?
- What kind of characteristics do you look for in a friend?
- How do you define “best friend?”
- What do you think heaven will be like? Hell?
- How do you feel about prayer in schools?
- What would you do in my situation?
- What keeps you motivated to make it through each day?
- When you wake up in the morning – what helps you get out of bed?
- I’ve got (this problem) – how would you deal with it?
- Who is your favorite author?
- Do you think aliens exist? Is there life on other planets?
- When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?
- Which emotion is most frightening or uncomfortable for you?

Involving the listener’s imagination

- If you could rule the world, what would you do first?
- If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?
- If you could meet one person, who would it be?
- What would be your perfect job?
- If you won a million dollars, how would you spend it?

- If you knew you had three months to live, how would you spend your last 90 days?
- If you could change one thing about your personality, what would it be?
- If you could change one thing about your physical appearance, what would it be?
- What age would you be again and why?
- What time period in history would you like to visit?
- Where do you see yourself in five years?
- What would be your perfect day?
- If you were God, what would be your first task?
- If you had one question that could get a definite answer, what would it be?
- How would you spend your time, if you never had to work again?
- If you could take one book to take on an island, what would it be?
- If you could bring one person back from the dead, who would it be and why?
- If you could change one thing about our campus, what would it be?
- You have unlimited resources and manpower – what problem would you fix and how?
- If you could be anyone, who would it be?
- If you could ask God one question – what would it be?
- If you could be famous, what would you want to be famous for?
- If you had to choose one, would you rather find a cure for AIDS or cancer?
- Who do you most want to meet in heaven? How do you know they'll be there?
- How do you want people to remember you?
- What do you want your parents? Friends? Kids? Spouse? – To say about you at your funeral?
- If you could travel back in history and ask one person – one question – who would it be and what's the question?
- How would you describe the perfect family? Marriage? Relationship?
- What would you do if a meteor was about to hit the earth?
- If you could be a sports star – what would the sport be?
- If you could own one car, what would it be and what would it look like?
- Is there something that you could never forgive someone for?
- Would you be open to marrying someone of a different ethnicity?

Asking for the listener's emotions (How would you feel...?)

- How would you feel if your parents/roommates/best friend died?

- How would you feel if someone told you they loved you unconditionally and always would?
- How did you feel when you first fell in love?
- How would you feel if you and your best friend were fighting?
- What makes you most happy?
- What makes you most sad?
- When are you most afraid?
- What circumstance would have the greatest potential of setting you off?
- How do you deal with grief?
- How do you feel about moving away from home and becoming independent?
- How do you feel about graduating?
- How would you feel if someone close to you committed suicide?
- How would you feel if you lost all your money?
- How would you feel if you found out you had terminal cancer?
- How would you feel if you had to move away from all your friends or family?
- How did you personally react to 911?
- How would you feel if your best friend told you they were gay?
- What are you doing when you most feel alive?
- As a woman – what most makes you feel feminine?
- As a guy – what most makes you feel masculine?
- Would you rather be deaf or blind, if you had to choose – and why?
- If you were to witness a murder – how do you think you would respond?
- How would you feel if your parents were getting a divorce?
- How would you feel about the effects of alcohol on people's behavior?
- How do your friends make you feel about yourself?