

Small Group Icebreaker Ideas

CONNECTING IN COMMUNITY - Small Group Resource

- Share about where you grew up and your fondest childhood memory.
- Who has had the most speeding tickets in the group?
- Share a nickname you had and how you got it.
- Share dates of birthdays and the best one you ever had.
- What is your favourite pastime?
- What is your favourite type of music?
- What person has been influential in shaping your personality, mannerisms and values?
- What is your favourite game? Why?
- What was your favourite cartoon as a child? Why?
- What was/is your favourite pet? Why?
- What was the chore you hated most as a child? Why?
- When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?
- Who was the tower of strength in your family when you were growing up?
- What is your favourite room in the house? Why?
- What is your favourite colour? Why?
- What is your favourite season of the year? Why?
- What is your favourite breakfast meal? Why?
- Which meal do you most enjoy eating out: breakfast, lunch or dinner? Why?
- What is your favourite store to shop at? What do they do well?
- Do you squeeze the toothpaste tube in the middle or from the end or do you roll it up?
- If you received \$1,000,000 with no strings attached, what would you do with it?
- If you are lost, are you more likely to stop and ask for directions, check the map, drive around until you find it or not admit that you are lost?
- If you read a newspaper, what section do you read first: funnies, sports, world news, local news, travel, automotive or editorials? Why?
- When you change outfits, do you put your clothes on a hanger, fold them over a chair, stuff them in a hamper, or leave them on the floor.
- When eating chicken or turkey, what part of the bird do you prefer?
- If you were a car, what kind would you be (year, make and model, features)? Why?
- How has war affected you or your family?
- How has social media influenced you this week?

- What are your roles in life? Which role gives you the greatest satisfaction? Which role is your greatest challenge?
- If you reflect on your life so far, what three things or choices you've made would you want to change if you could re-live it?
- Describe the perfect pizza.
- Tell the group about a highlight of the past summer.
- If your house were on fire, what three items (not people) would you try to save?
- What was your first job? What do you remember most about it?
- Who was the best boss you ever had? What made him/her so good?
- When you were a child, what did your parents want you to be when you grew up?
- Who was one of your heroes when you were growing up? How did you try to imitate him or her?
- It is very difficult for me to discipline myself in regard to
- What is your greatest fear? Why?
- Who is your "hero" or role model today?
- What have you learned this week?
- What was your most welcome sight in a strange place?
- Share the story behind one of your scars.
- What is your least favourite household/yard chore?
- What was your favourite job? Why?
- When I meet new people, I usually feel
- The qualities I usually look for in a friend are
- The scariest experience of my life was
- One of the nicest gifts I ever received was
- Just before I go to sleep at night, I like to
- The first thing I usually think about when I wake up in the morning is
- The person I felt closest to as a child was
- The thing that I like best about myself is
- Tell about a favourite song.
- Would you rather give gifts or receive them?
- If you were prime minister and could make three new laws, what would they be?
- The movie scene that really makes me cry is
- One of my favourite places to go and be alone with God is
- Something about me that might surprise a lot of people is
- One of the best holidays I ever had was

- A peculiar habit that I have is
- Tell one thing you really want and one thing you really need.
- What do you usually do to relieve boredom?
- Name something that comforts you.
- The experience that has made me grow the most is
- My favourite time of the day is
- If I were famous, I would most like to be known for
- What have you been reading in the past week?
- Describe your week using descriptors.
- What day of your life would you most like to relive? Why?
- What is the smallest space in which you have ever lived? What was it like?
- What would you have been voted “most likely to” in high school?
- What is one of your biggest pet peeves?
- Just for the fun/thrill of it, before I die, I’d like to
- My number two career choice would be
- As a time-traveler, I would most like to visit because
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- I am looking forward to in heaven.
- One of my spiritual mentors is
- People might be surprised to find out that I
- I am most like my mom in that I
- I am most like my dad in that I
- I wish that before I got married, someone had told me
- I am a bundle of nerves/all thumbs when it comes to
- I will probably never but it would still be fun if I could.
- What are a couple of things you remember about your grandparents?
- What is your favourite motto or quote?
- If you could describe yourself in terms of a flavour, what would you be?
- What was the best gift you received as a child?
- If you could raise one person from the dead, who would it be and why?
- If you could eliminate one kind of animal from the earth, which animal would you choose? Why?
- If you suddenly went blind, what would you miss the most about sight? Why?
- Describe one of the greatest adventures you have ever been on.
- What is the nicest thing anyone ever said about you?
- Who was one of the most interesting people you and your family ever entertained?

- When you were growing up, who was the neighbourhood bully? What made that person so frightening?
- What one thing would you like your obituary to say about you? Why?
- What is your favourite city? Why?
- Where do you go to or what do you do when life gets too heavy? Why?
- Which do you most value: sight or speech? Why?
- What is your fondest memory of a picnic? Why was it so special?
- What is the most daring thing you have ever done? What made it so daring?
- What is the best news you have heard this week? The worst?
- What do you like best about children? Why?
- Tell the group about the best moment of your day today.
- Describe a Christmas gift you would like to receive.
- What do you enjoy most about winter on the prairies?
- What is the farthest away from home you have ever been?
- Finish the sentence, “In the spring, my thoughts turn to”
- One of the most amazing aspects of God’s creation is
- A new worship expression I would enjoy is
- A book that has helped me in my spiritual life (other than the Bible) is
- A biblical book I least understand is
- A practical ministry I enjoy is
- This week I really struggled/am struggling with
- Share an answer to prayer or a prayer for which you are waiting for an answer.
- What type of movie do you like most: comedy, action, drama, classic, etc.? Why?
- What makes a house a home?
- If you could become invisible, where would you like to go?
- Who was the best teacher you ever had? Why?
- If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be?
- If everyone’s phone number was public, who would you call?
- What is one thing that really bugs you?
- What is the most sentimental possession that you have?
- What things make your life satisfying? Complicated?
- What talent do you admire in others that you wish you had?
- What is one unusual talent or feature you have (touching your tongue to your nose, double-jointed, etc.)?
- If you were convinced reincarnation was a fact, how would you like to come back?

- What is the best advice you have ever received?
- What is one word you would use to describe yourself to someone who doesn't know you?
- What is one goal you are aspiring to in life?
- What foreign country would you like to visit? Why?
- What is the story behind the longest time you've gone without sleep?
- Who is the most famous person you've known or met? How did it happen?
- When I go to a restaurant, what I really like most is
- If you could do one miracle, what would you do? Why?
- What do you miss most about childhood?
- If given a choice, how would you choose to die? How do you not want to die?
- What is your biggest fear regarding death?
- If you could go to college/university (again), what would you study?
- Who is your number one advisor in life? Why?
- What is the worst story or disaster you've been in? What was it like?
- Describe the most boring day/event/period of time you can remember.
- Share something that made you laugh this week.
- My prayer life is
- Ten years from now, I would like to
- Three words that describe me right now are
- Share a time in your life when you were embarrassed.
- I get angry when
- What sport or game best describes the kind of week you've just had?
- If God were to present Himself visibly to you right now, what question would you most like to ask Him?
- How has God encouraged you through someone else this week/lately?
- When I'm alone
- If I wrote my autobiography, the title could be
- What public figure today do you most admire?
- If you could spend one day with any historical figure (excluding biblical), who would it be?
- What is one of your strengths? Weaknesses?
- If you could choose an actor to play your life in a movie, who would you choose and why?
- Who is your favourite Bible character (other than Jesus)?
- What is your favourite sport to watch? To participate in?

- If you could be an animal, what would you be?
- What makes you laugh?
- Which TV character best reflects your personality? Why?
- Which fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control) would you like to see more evidence of in your character?
- Name one of your favourite movies. Why is it a favourite?
- Name one of your favourite books. Why is it a favourite?
- Which colour best describes your personality?
- How would you describe your dancing abilities?
- Who is Jesus to you?
- What were your favourite and least favourite subjects in school?
- What encourages you? What discourages you?
- Do you prefer to be indoors or outdoors? Why?
- What does creativity look like in your life?

Additional Leader Resources

- "Skills: Facilitating Discussions" Leader Training Workshop
- *Small Group Idea Book* by Cindy Bunch