



# surface to soul

going deeper with vibrant faith

---

## FAITH FORMING QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION PANELS

---

### Your FAITH JOURNEY

- What do you remember about your family's faith traditions when growing up (worship, Sunday School)?
- What are some ways your family practiced or expressed their faith when you were going up?
- What were some turning points in your life related to how you understood God and expressed your faith?
- Who inspired or challenged you in your faith when growing up? Who inspires you now? Who are you seeking to inspire in their faith?
- What are some of your favorite prayers or scripture passages? Why are they important to you?
- What do you want others to know about your faith? What are some ways you share your faith with others?
- What role have congregations played in your spiritual growth?
- In what ways would you like to be more intentional about your faith?
- What do you see as "next steps" in your faith journey or growth as a Christian?

### Your FAITH PRACTICES

- How often do you worship at church? What parts of the worship experience are most meaningful to you?
- How often do you pray? What and who do you pray for? Where do you pray? Are there certain prayers you frequently say (i.e. the Lord's Prayer or a meal or bedtime prayer)?
- What portions of the Bible have you read? When do you read the Bible? How do you read the Bible?
- In what ways does the Bible inform the decisions you make?
- With whom do you most frequently talk about your faith?
- How often do you talk about your faith with people who are unchurched or have no church home?
- With whom do you regularly have Caring Conversations with? How often is God the subject of your conversations?
- In what ways do you serve at and beyond the congregation?
- Do you see your acts of service as an expression of your faith? If so, in what ways?
- How do you practice faith during family gatherings during times such as birthdays, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter and 4th of July?
- When and where are you most aware of God's presence in your life?
- Do you have any daily, weekly or monthly rituals related to practicing your faith?
- What faith milestones (i.e. baptism, first Bible, confirmation, etc.) stand out for you? What do you remember about them?

### Your FAITH PERSPECTIVES

- In what ways does your faith inform the decisions you make about time and money?
- In what ways does your faith inform how you treat and interact with others?
- In what ways does your faith inform your role as a citizen?
- In what ways does your faith inform your voting decisions and the causes you support?
- What do you see as the primary role of the church?
- What does it mean to you to BE the church wherever you go?
- Do you feel it's important for a person to be part of the church or faith community? If so, why?
- What do you consider to be your calling in life? What do you want to be remembered for?
- What do you see as your primary gifts? How are you using these gifts to be a blessing to others?
- What do you want others to know about Jesus?
- What do you think God is up to in your life now?
- How has your understanding of God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit changed over the years?
- Based on your life and faith experiences what advice would you like to give to people under 18 years old?
- How would you describe the Bible to others? How do you interpret what the scriptures say and mean?