

Getting to Know Each Other: Ministry Conversation-Starters
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Use one or more of these questions, or similar ones:

- to begin a small group Bible study
- to start a training meeting for volunteers or staff
- for a large group discussion topic
- when pairing people up 2 by 2
- as icebreakers
- at a volunteer appreciation event

Why?

- to get to know each other
- to introduce conversations/presentations about church-wide ministry/vision
- to get people thinking about the value and impact of ministry
- to show the diversity of people's experiences, skills, and ministry passion

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If you could have any job in the world, what would you do?

Did you ever accept a job thinking it would be one thing, and it ended up being something entirely different?

What is or was your all-time favorite volunteer job? Why?

What was the worst volunteer job you ever had?

In all the ways you are serving God now, what do you think is the most important? Most difficult? Most rewarding? Why?

If you pick any way of serving God that you wanted, what would you pick?

What was the best 'team' you ever worked on? What was good about it?

Did you ever try to do something new, and end up surprising yourself at how good—or how bad—you were at it?

What volunteer experience, or ministry/serving experience, brought you closest to God?

If you could hire a teacher to teach you anything you wanted, what would you like to learn?

What person working as a volunteer made a positive impression on you?

Describe the perfect type of leader/supervisor you'd like to work as a volunteer for.

