

Family Interview

1. Tell me about who else in your family could not be here.
2. How long have you been involved with ____? How did the family first become involved?
3. How did your family prepare to participate with ____?
4. How do each of you participate in ____?
5. Where does this happen? When?
6. How much time do you spend on these activities?
7. As family members, how is what you do the same or different? In what ways do you work in ____ together, and in what ways do you work apart? How has that changed over time?
8. Tell me about several of your family's most significant experiences with _____. [*probe: What happened?*]
9. What other experiences with _____ have been especially significant for your family? [*probe: What happened?*]
10. As family members, how have your experiences with _____ differed? How have these been the same?
11. What family experiences with _____ have been especially difficult or challenging? [*probe: What happened?*]
12. How has your involvement with _____ affected your family life? How else? (*probe: Relationships with each other*)
13. How has your involvement with _____ has affected your family's relationship with God? (*probe: beliefs, trust, commitments*).
14. How has your involvement affected how your family relates to others?
 - a. What you believe about other people?
 - b. Your trust of other people?
 - c. Your commitments to others?
 - d. How have these effects changed over time, if they have?
 - e. Your relationship with God? (*probe: beliefs, trusts, commitments*)
 - f. Your relationships with one another?
 - g. Your relationships with others outside the congregation (*probe: beliefs, trusts, commitments to people/community*)
 - h. How, if at all, have these effects changed since the congregation first became involved? How else?
15. How do these effects influence your desire and ability to remain involved?
16. What has motivated you to stay with it? [*probe: What are your current reasons for involvement with _____?*]
17. Which of you most wants to do this? Least?
18. Is there anything else you would like to tell me? [*Probe: Anything else to help me understand your experience with _____?*]
19. Do you have any suggestions about how to improve this interview? [*Probe: Any parts that seemed unclear or confusing? Any parts that were annoying?*]