

This game has been played in various settings in different countries. You are guaranteed to find treasure because you will be looking in the right place—the hearts of Christians.

TREASURE HUNT

Treasure Hunt is a Christian conversational game intended to be a catalyst for drawing out practical wisdom and understanding—treasures—from the hearts of Christians who enjoy wholesome conversational fun. It is best played in groups of four to ten though it can be played by more than that. If there are more than twelve, the group could divide.

The recommended way to play is for each person in the circle to receive a card with a question on it. Beginning with any one person, each participant will ask the question on his card to another participant. By the time each person in the circle has asked his question, each participant should have also had an opportunity to answer one question. This keeps everyone involved. After the question and answer exchange has gone around the circle once, the process is repeated as many times as the group agrees. An alternative way to play is to distribute more than one card per person to give more flexibility.

There are no wrong answers. The questions ask for opinion and everyone has a right to their own opinion. After answering the question, the respondent may also give a brief explanation of why or how they arrived at their opinion. The group should remember that each person has an opinion worth hearing.

In many instances participants will learn from the other's responses. When participants do not agree with responses, they can, nevertheless, better understand the other person—just for having heard the response. In either case, a valuable result is realized.

The game can last whatever length of time seems appropriate. It can be played after dinner at the dinner table, in the living room, den or even while traveling.

There is no time limit for answers though answers should not be so long that some participants dominate. Limited group discussion of a person's response is allowed, but so that the game continues to be a catalyst for drawing out treasures in everyone's hearts, discussions should be limited, moving on to other persons, questions, and responses.

If the person drawing the question does not like the question he drew, he may draw another. If someone prefers to not answer a question, they may ask for another question.

This is just a game. It facilitates wholesome sharing, creative conversation, and the development of mutual understandings. It is not a Bible study nor is it intended for group therapy or a contest in psychoanalysis. It is merely a catalyst for healthy Christian conversation, personal growth, and great Christian fellowship. The treasure is already there.

“Love the Lord your God . . . with all your mind.” Mathew 22:37

“ . . . whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.” Philippians 4:8

You may download these questions, print them on paper and cut it so each question is on its own small sheet of paper. These can then be used again and again each time you want to play this game.

Tell about a spiritual experience you had before you became a Christian.

Name three significant advantages a Christian has over a non-Christian.

What was the most significant event leading to your conversion to Christ?

What is the greatest change that has ever taken place in your life?

Who were the principle players God used in your conversion?

Tell of a time when God surprised you.

What is the most significant behavioral change that took place after you became a Christian?

Tell of a time no one else knew about when you were tempted. What did you do and what you would do differently if you had it to do over again?

What is your most significant attitude change since you became a Christian?

Tell of a time you were surprised by what you found in the Bible.

What did you learn in your conversion experience about what to do or not do when leading someone to Christ?

Tell of a time when God gave you specific direction through your Bible reading.

Who is your favorite Old Testament Bible character and Why?

If you could influence the world Christian family, what lesson would you share?

Who is your favorite New Testament Bible character and why?

What is your favorite Bible verse and why?

In what respect would you most like to have “your Father’s eyes?”

Tell a story that illustrates how God accepts us as we are and then works to gradually and gently correct, improve, and clean up our lives.

What is your strongest Christian virtue and how do you use it to advantage?

What do you believe about heaven?

What is your weakest area as a Christian and how do you compensate for it?

What do you believe about hell?

What weakness in Christians most hinders non-Christians from accepting Jesus? Why?

What do you think about a person whose beliefs, words, and actions are consistent and integrated?

Relate an incident in your life that influenced what you believe about love?

Tell of an experience or observation that illustrates what you feel about falsehood.

Tell of something you observed that affected your feelings about hate.

What relationship most influenced what you believe about friendship? How?

Tell of an experience that greatly influenced what you believe about prayer.

What have you experienced that affected how you feel about restoration?

What do you believe about the place behavior plays in the Christian life?

What do you believe about security?
How did you arrive at this belief?

Why does the book of Proverbs say get wisdom?

Tell us what you think of first when you hear the word “trapped.”

What have you observed in life that led you to believe what you do about truth?

What observation would you like to share with the group about fasting?

What is the greatest reason for pretension? What is your solution for this problem?

Say something about idolatry.

What makes God laugh?

Name something that makes God angry.

Name something that makes God sad.

Discuss the meaning of pride.

Say something about poverty.

What have you observed that influenced your feelings about humility?

Define "riches."

Identify a spiritual lesson that can be learned from a fox.

Make a statement about adultery.

Name one Christian virtue demonstrated by each person playing this game.

Pronounce a blessing over the person to your right which you feel would be an encouragement.

Identify a Christian virtue in the life of the person to your left that has been an encouragement or inspiration to you.

Describe the incident that most influenced your definition of victory.

Define the meaning of value. How did you arrive at this definition?

Name two ways playing this game could be helpful for Christians.

Say something about giving. How has giving influenced you?

Identify a question you heard asked of someone else that you wish had been asked of you. Give *your* response to it.

You serve on a philanthropic organization board and recommend Christian ministries worthy of support. What criterion do you use?

Say something about receiving.

What does the word “helper” mean to you?

Say something about defeat. Why is it important to understand that?

In what way do you feel many Christians live beneath their privileges?

What do you believe about the cross?

Say something about the interplay between faith and doubt.

What event in your life most affected what you believe about forgiveness?

What fruit of the Spirit do you wish every person valued as much as you do?

Say something about the relationship between mercy and judgment.

Say something about a thief.

Describe the relationship between belief and behavior

What do you believe about death?

How are responsibility, accountability, and character growth related?

What does the Bible say about money that has helped you in personal finances?

Say something about the relationship of belief and faith.

What do you believe about healing and/or health?

If it were in your power, what would you like to be doing for God ten years from now?

What is the most important meaning of baptism to you?

Make a statement about wine.

Tell of a time when God answered your prayer better than you prayed it.

In what way could every Christian be involved in foreign missions?

What do you feel about jealousy?

What part does sweat play in life for you?

Say something about anger.

What contribution to the evangelism of your city would like to make if you could?

What is your personal philosophy regarding pleasure?

Express your views on the subject of discipleship.

What do you think of when you hear the word "Master"?

Which is more important:
“Prioritize your schedule” or
“Schedule your priorities.”

What does the Holy Spirit mean to you?

What do you want to say about
either the joys or sorrows of
parenting?

What place do tears play in the life of a
growing Christian?

What is your definition of a strong,
Christian marriage?

Say something about eating.

What is the place of submission in
the Christian life?

What do you think about laughter?

What does the expression “Daddy
God” mean to you?

What part of the Christian’s armor was
the most valuable to you today?

Explain what it might be like to
dance with Jesus.

What lesson can be learned from a thorn?

What part does feasting have in the Christian's life?

What statement would you like to make about time?

What experience most directly influenced your thoughts about adoption?

Why do you feel as you do about change?

Make a statement about grief.

What do you think of when you hear the word "servant"?

In what way is self-control important to the Christian?

Make a statement about godliness and explain how you arrived at this opinion.