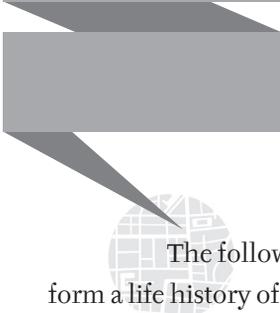


Appendix 1

THE LIFE HISTORY INTERVIEW¹



The following questions can be a guideline for you as you form a life history of the individual with whom you are conducting an interview. Do not be bound by the subjects or order in which they are presented. Follow where you see the respondent's interest.

A. Family

1. Who is in the family? What is the order of their birth?
2. Can you describe a specific incident that would characterize your relationship to your parents? Your sisters and brothers?
3. What were the most important goals of your parents for themselves? For the family? For you? What are your goals for yourself? For your family?
4. What are some of the most memorable family occasions in your life? Describe what happened and why it is special to you.

B. Residence

1. Where did you live? Tell me something about the place and the people.
2. What are the most memorable places and events in your home and community?
3. What kind of things happened at those places that are special to you?

C. Life Cycle

1. When you were growing up, what events do you remember that were most satisfying to you; you achieved a goal, or something happened that pleased you very much?
2. What happened on those special occasions? Who were the important people who helped make that happen? What meaning do these occasions have for you now?
3. What events did your family observe in your life and in the life of others? i.e., deaths, marriage, births, etc.
4. How did you and your family members participate in these events? What meaning did this have for you?
5. Tell me your personal story! What were the key events in your life?

D. Community and Friends

1. Who were special friends? How did you choose these people as friends?
2. What made these people special for you? How did you help one another?
3. How do you communicate with these people today, and about what subjects?

E. Beliefs

1. What did you learn about gods? How did this relate to your family's interest?
2. What does your family believe about God and the supernatural?

3. How does your family cope with illness and disaster?
 4. What do you believe about God and about God's interest and concern about your life?
- E. Questions of motivation primary to understanding meaning/action (This will help in your analysis of the life history material.)
1. What are your informant's most important goals over the span of their lives?
 2. What are the key interests that preoccupy them at this point in time?
 3. What are ordinary interests that compel your informant's attention, although not central to "goals"?
 4. What interests are reflected in your informant's ordinary conversations? Daily routines?
 5. How do informants order personal priorities as they relate to needs and goals?
- G. Questions of motivation primary to understanding meaning/action (This will help you in the application of ministry.)
1. What people and events have been most influential in helping your informant achieve goals and interests?
 2. What message do you find in Scripture that addresses your informant's goals and interests?
 3. What kind of relationship must you build to get your informant's interest and attention?

SURVEY BEST PRACTICES



GENERAL GUIDELINES

Begin with the “why?” Why are you asking these questions? Your answer to this question determines the purpose behind your survey and the questions you select or write yourselves. Remember that you want information of interest to your ministry. You want to be able to describe your community (i.e., age and gender). You also are interested in what your community sees as their needs (i.e., traffic violations or lack of job opportunities). Once you have this information, you can work out what those descriptions and needs look like in relation to each other.

Remember to have clear directions using basic terminology and very specific questions. A simple layout is necessary. There should be two sections. Demographics and Felt Needs. Place your demographic questions first, followed by your felt needs questions. Within the two sections make sure the questions listed meet these goals: least sensitive to most sensitive and fact oriented to opinion oriented. Feel free to follow our survey template as a way to get

started. A short completion time requirement shows respect for your survey participants. As a general rule, try to keep your survey under fifteen questions.

GETTING STARTED

Now it's time to try your survey out (pilot testing). Make sure participants who fill out your survey fit the general demographic characteristics of your ministry environment's local radius. Time each trial run participant. Eight to ten minutes is the max. If trial run participants are struggling with reading comprehension, it will show up in how long it takes them to complete your survey. Unanswered questions can also teach us about cultural sensitivity. Lack of understanding or unintended insults can be minimized or fixed early on through a trial run.

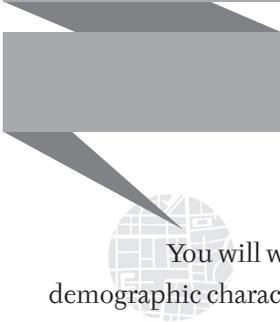
REFINING YOUR SURVEY

Close-ended, neutral questions increase response rates. But these types of questions require good options for your survey participants to choose from. If several participants selected "Other" as an option and wrote in their response, consider including that option on your finalized survey. If several trial participants left a question unanswered, rephrasing the question or taking it out of your survey altogether may be necessary.

If what you expected to be a sensitive question resulted in only "safe" responses, then you are likely experiencing survey bias. The participants could be doing this for several reasons. They might want to present themselves in the best light possible to avoid violating the social norms of their community. An example of this would be no participant admitting to being divorced or currently separated from their spouse. Another important consideration is fear of judgment and performance anxiety. Most people want to be liked. Consequently, a participant might select answers that he or she thinks will please the survey distributor.

Appendix 3

SAMPLE SURVEY QUESTIONS ACCORDING TO CATEGORY



You will want to tailor certain questions according to the demographic characteristics found in the United States Census data for your area of interest. A good rule of thumb is to have no more than six choices per close-ended question. Make the last choice “Other” so that the survey participant can fill in a more specific option if necessary.

GENERAL DEMOGRAPHIC

1. Approximate age
 - a. 17 and under
 - b. 18–19
 - c. 20–29
 - d. 30–39
 - e. 40–49
 - f. 50–59
 - g. 60–69
 - h. 70+

2. Profession or current occupation (please include student status)
 - a. Full-time: _____
 - b. Part-time: _____
 - c. In-between work
 - d. On government disability

3. Number of years in current occupation
 - a. _____

4. Please select all of your ethnicities
 - a. Black (Haitian, African, African-American)
 - b. Chinese
 - c. Cambodian
 - d. Indian
 - e. Japanese
 - f. Korean
 - g. Latino (Central/South America)
 - h. Latino (Mexican)
 - i. Native American
 - j. Pakistani
 - k. Spanish/Portuguese
 - l. White (Caucasian)
 - m. Vietnamese
 - n. Hmong
 - o. Other: _____

5. What language or languages do you speak very well?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____

6. How well do you read English?
 - a. A few words (street signs)
 - b. A few sentences (instructions)
 - c. Many paragraphs (a newspaper article)

- d. Many pages (a fun book)
 - e. Hundreds of pages (an academic book)
7. Which of the following best describes you?
- a. Agnostic (a god exists)
 - b. Atheist (there is no god)
 - c. Baha'ism
 - d. Buddhist
 - e. Christian Catholic
 - f. Christian Evangelical
 - g. Christian Orthodox Greek
 - h. Christian Orthodox Russian
 - i. Christian Protestant
 - j. Confucianism
 - k. Hindu
 - l. Islamic (Sunni/Shia/Sufi)
 - m. Jainism
 - n. Jewish Conservative
 - o. Jewish Orthodox
 - p. Jewish Reconstructionism
 - q. Jewish Reformed
 - r. Jewish Renewalist
 - s. Pagan
 - t. Shamanism
 - u. Sikhism
 - v. Taoism
 - w. Wiccan
 - x. Other: _____
8. How long have you lived in your neighborhood?
- a. 1–2 years
 - b. 3–5 years
 - c. 6–10 years
 - d. 11–15 years
 - e. 15+ years

9. Relationship status
 - a. Single and never married
 - b. In an exclusive dating relationship
 - c. In an open dating relationship
 - d. First marriage
 - e. Divorced/legally separated and currently single
 - f. Divorced/legally separated and currently dating
 - g. Divorced/legally separated and remarried
 - h. Widowed/widower

10. How do you normally get around?
 - a. Walk
 - b. Bicycle
 - c. Bus
 - d. Train
 - e. Car
 - f. Taxi

11. How long does it take you to get from home to your work?
 - a. 10 minutes or less
 - b. 11–20 minutes
 - c. 21–30 minutes
 - d. 31–40 minutes
 - e. 41–50 minutes
 - f. 50+ minutes

12. What do you prefer to do with your social free time?
 - a. Volunteer work
 - b. Athletics
 - c. Music
 - d. Shop
 - e. Movies/TV
 - f. Online community
 - g. Games
 - h. The arts

- i. Eat out
 - j. Other: _____
13. Do you think there is a universal truth?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Maybe
14. What is the origin of life?
- a. Natural process
 - b. Personal creator
 - c. Impersonal creator
 - d. Don't know
15. I seek fulfillment through
- a. Personal peace
 - b. Personal significance
 - c. Community belonging
 - d. Self-discipline
 - e. Security
 - f. Emotional support
 - g. Eternal hope
16. What do you think happens when you die?
- a. Go to heaven or hell
 - b. Go to a level of paradise
 - c. Cease to exist
 - d. Reincarnated
 - e. Become one with the universe
 - f. Other: _____

SEXUAL MINORITY COMMUNITIES

- 1. Biological sex
 - a. Male
 - b. Female
 - c. Intersex (born with combination of male and female organs)

2. Sexual identity
 - a. Male
 - b. Female
 - c. Androgynous (gender neutral)
 - d. Pangender (switch back and forth between traditional gender identities)

3. Sexual affection or attraction
 - a. Exclusively homosexual (gay or lesbian)
 - b. Exclusively heterosexual (straight)
 - c. Bisexual
 - d. Asexual (no sexual attraction for others)

4. Relationship status¹
 - a. Currently single
 - b. In an exclusive dating relationship
 - c. In an open dating relationship
 - d. First homosexual marriage
 - e. First heterosexual marriage
 - f. First legal union
 - g. Divorced/legally separated and currently single
 - h. Divorced/legally separated and currently dating
 - i. Divorced/legally separated and remarried
 - j. Divorced/legally separated and in a new legal union
 - k. Widowed/widower

AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITIES

1. Who is the primary caregiver in your household? (If it is you, please fill in whether you are the mother, father, brother.)
 - a. Both birth parents
 - b. Birth mother
 - c. Birth father
 - d. Grandparent(s)
 - e. Extended family member
 - f. Family friend

- g. Sister
 - h. Brother
 - i. Me: _____
2. Including you, how many people are in your household?
- a. ____
3. “If I ran a ministry or church in my community, I would make sure it did these three things”:
- a. Advocacy support for children and single parents
 - b. Money management classes
 - c. Evening church services
 - d. Child care services
 - e. Nutrition and cooking classes
 - f. Sports programs
 - g. After-school mentoring
 - h. Music and arts programs
 - i. Spiritual support groups

CARIBBEAN AND HAITIAN BLACK COMMUNITIES

1. “If I ran a ministry or church in my community, I would make sure it did these three things”:
- a. Prayer for those afflicted by Rootwork (hexing, witchcraft, anxiety, stomach pain)
 - b. Money management classes
 - c. Sports programs
 - d. After-school mentoring
 - e. Music and arts programs
 - f. Spiritual support groups
 - g. Computer proficiency classes
 - h. English as Second Language classes
 - i. Career progression talks given by engineers, doctors, lawyers, and pastors
 - j. Academic stress management programs

NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES

1. “If I ran a ministry or church in my community, I would make sure it did these three things”:
 - a. Prayer for those afflicted with ghost sickness (bad dreams, weakness, sense of suffocation)
 - b. GED (General Education Development) mastery nongraded classes given in an apprenticeship style
 - c. Spiritual support groups for alcohol dependency
 - d. Equine Therapy (working with horses) for general mood disorders (depression)
 - e. Cultural identity classes for adolescents (oral storytelling, tribal history)
 - f. Tribal volunteer apprenticeship service trips led by certified technicians (plumbers, electricians)
 - g. Domestic violence intervention programs
 - h. Wilderness Bible camps

ASIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITIES

1. “If I ran a ministry or church in my community, I would make sure it did these three things”:
 - a. Prayer for those afflicted with spiritual maladies
 - b. Academic stress management support groups
 - c. Suicide support groups
 - d. Parenting problem solving skills workshops
 - e. English as Second Language classes
 - f. Résumé development classes
 - g. Career counseling
 - h. Cultural identity preservation classes
 - i. Elderly support ministries

HISPANIC/LATINO AMERICAN COMMUNITIES

1. “If I ran a ministry or church in my community, I would make sure it did these three things”:

- a. General Education Development evening classes
- b. English as Second Language classes
- c. Citizenship preparation classes
- d. Apprenticeship skills programs for adolescents
- e. Résumé development classes
- f. Career counseling
- g. Parenting problem solving skills workshops
- h. Acculturation conflict management workshops given by a pastor
- i. Suicide spiritual support groups for female adolescents
- j. Child care services for single mothers
- k. Intervening prayer for spiritual maladies (*nervios, susto, mal de ojo*)

ARAB AMERICANS

1. “If I ran a ministry in my community, I would make sure it did these three things”:
 - a. Advocacy support groups for discrimination
 - b. Gender specific mentorship programs for adolescents (women mentor girls, men mentor boys)
 - c. Acculturation conflict management workshops given by a spiritual leader
 - d. Prayer and fasting support groups for stress management
 - e. Housing application assistance
 - f. Marriage enrichment classes given by a spiritual leader

COMMUNITY FELT NEEDS

1. What do you like best about your community?
 - a. Job opportunities
 - b. Public safety
 - c. Public transportation
 - d. Friendly police
 - e. Clean sidewalks
 - f. Housing

- g. Nightlife
- h. Education

2. What would you like to see done more in your community?

- a. Street cleaning
- b. Children activities
- c. After-school learning events
- d. Language classes
- e. Day care
- f. Citizenship classes
- g. Money counseling

3. What is your biggest concern for your community?

- a. Housing
- b. Unemployment
- c. Domestic violence
- d. Gangs
- e. School dropout rate
- f. Drug and alcohol use
- g. No sports programs
- h. No citizenship classes
- i. Public transportation

4. What is the biggest trouble for you?

- a. Income level
- b. Finding work
- c. Transportation
- d. Physical safety
- e. Emotional safety
- f. Drug use
- g. Living conditions
- h. Access to health care

FAITH-BASED

1. I enjoy reading, listening to music, or hearing talks about my faith
 - a. Very regularly
 - b. Somewhat regularly
 - c. Rarely
 - d. Never
 - e. Do not know

2. I enjoy spending time with other people who share my faith beliefs
 - a. Very regularly
 - b. Somewhat regularly
 - c. Rarely
 - d. Never
 - e. Do not know

3. I enjoy talking about my faith with others
 - a. Very regularly
 - b. Somewhat regularly
 - c. Rarely
 - d. Never
 - e. Do not know

4. What makes it hard to go to faith-based activities?
 - a. Work
 - b. Transportation
 - c. No activity is offered during free time
 - d. No free time
 - e. Don't like the environment the activity is held in
 - f. Other: _____

5. The setting I prefer to learn or experience my faith
 - a. By myself
 - b. One-on-one meetings
 - c. Small group

- d. Classroom
 - e. Café or restaurant
 - f. Sports or athletic setting
 - g. Auditorium
6. “If I ran a ministry or church in my community, I would make sure it did these 3 things”:
- a. Parenting classes
 - b. English classes
 - c. Bible classes
 - d. Money management classes
 - e. Evening church services
 - f. Immigration assistance
 - g. Day care services
 - h. Nutrition and cooking classes
 - i. Sports programs
 - j. After-school tutoring
 - k. Music and arts programs
 - l. Addiction support groups
7. I want my local church to help with
- a. Drug and alcohol abuse
 - b. Child education
 - c. Making the community look better
 - d. Domestic violence
 - e. Anger management
 - f. Parenting advice
 - g. Speaking English
8. Church people are
- a. Polite
 - b. Helpful
 - c. Demanding
 - d. Withdrawn
 - e. I don’t know any church people

9. If I went to a church, the reason would be
 - a. To help my children
 - b. Self-improvement
 - c. Help for practical problems
 - d. Meet good people
 - e. Learn about the Bible

10. I would not attend a religious or faith-based event because
 - a. Religion and faith is personal
 - b. I had a bad experience before and don't want to try again
 - c. I don't believe in God
 - d. I'm always working
 - e. I don't have available transportation

11. The time I would like to have community events

| | | | |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| a. Monday: | 7 a.m.–12 a.m. | 12 a.m.–5 p.m. | 5 p.m.–11 p.m. |
| b. Tuesday: | 7 a.m.–12 a.m. | 12 a.m.–5 p.m. | 5 p.m.–11 p.m. |
| c. Wednesday: | 7 a.m.–12 a.m. | 12 a.m.–5 p.m. | 5 p.m.–11 p.m. |
| d. Thursday: | 7 a.m.–12 a.m. | 12 a.m.–5 p.m. | 5 p.m.–11 p.m. |
| e. Friday: | 7 a.m.–12 a.m. | 12 a.m.–5 p.m. | 5 p.m.–11 p.m. |
| f. Saturday: | 7 a.m.–12 a.m. | 12 a.m.–5 p.m. | 5 p.m.–11 p.m. |
| g. Sunday: | 7 a.m.–12 a.m. | 12 a.m.–5 p.m. | 5 p.m.–11 p.m. |

12. The best way to tell me about community events
 - a. Posters
 - b. Mail
 - c. Website
 - d. Email
 - e. Radio

13. Do you find a spiritual element to life important?
 - a. Very important
 - b. Important
 - c. Somewhat important
 - d. Somewhat unimportant
 - e. Unimportant

14. If you were facing a difficult time, how important would talking to a spiritual mentor/pastoral counselor be?
 - a. Very important
 - b. Important
 - c. Somewhat important
 - d. Somewhat unimportant
 - e. Unimportant

15. How important is it to you to receive spiritual support from a church?
 - a. Very important
 - b. Important
 - c. Somewhat important
 - d. Somewhat unimportant
 - e. Unimportant

16. At a worship service, I want the language to be in
 - a. English only
 - b. Spanish only
 - c. Both Spanish and English

17. Do you have a church or faith support group that you regularly attend?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

Appendix 4: Sample Survey

LEARNING A NEIGHBORHOOD'S BELIEFS AND WORLDVIEWS



1. Gender

- A. Female
- B. Male

2. Age

- A. 18–25
- B. 26–34
- C. 35–45
- D. 46–55
- E. 56–62
- F. 63+

3. Marital Status

- A. Divorced
- B. Married
- C. Never married
- D. Separated
- E. Widowed

4. Number in household

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4
- E. 5+

5. Race

- A. American Indian
- B. Asian/Pacific Islander
- C. White (not of Hispanic origin)
- D. Hispanic
- E. African-American (not of Hispanic origin)
- F. Other _____

6. Primary language

- A. Arabic
- B. Assyrian
- C. Chinese
- D. English
- E. Spanish
- F. Other

7. Sexual

- A. Bisexual
- B. Gay/Lesbian
- C. Heterosexual
- D. Other orientation _____

8. The human race is morally improving over time.

Strongly disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 *Strongly agree*

9. Everyone's perspective is equally truthful.

Strongly disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 *Strongly agree*

10. My life is a result of self-determination.

Strongly disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 *Strongly agree*

11. Science will provide an answer to most of the world's problems.

Strongly disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 *Strongly agree*

12. Which two categories best define you?

- A. Artistic
- B. Athletic
- C. Musical
- D. Philosophical
- E. Political
- F. Social
- G. Spiritual

13. Which one of the following best describes you?

- A. Buddhist
- B. Catholic
- C. Hindu
- D. Jewish
- E. Muslim
- F. Nonreligious
- G. Protestant
- H. Other

14. What do you think happens when a person dies?

- A. Reincarnation
- B. Purgatory
- C. Heaven or hell
- D. Cease to exist
- E. Nirvana
- F. Other

15. I hold my religious beliefs firmly.

Strongly disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 *Strongly agree*

16. There is absolute truth.

Strongly disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 *Strongly agree*

17. God exists.

Strongly disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 *Strongly agree*

18. Jesus is God.

Strongly disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 *Strongly agree*

19. There is more than one path to God.

Strongly disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 *Strongly agree*

20. I know of a Christian church that is relevant to today's society.

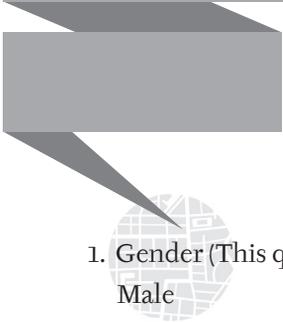
Yes

No

If yes, please indicate the name of that church:

Appendix 5: Sample Survey

FELT NEEDS OF A COMMUNITY AND THE ATTITUDES TOWARD THE CHURCH



1. Gender (This question is not to be asked):

Male

Female

2. Approximate age of interviewee (This question is not to be asked):

20–29

30–39

40–49

50–59

60+

3. How long have you been living in this neighborhood?

a. 2 years or less

b. 3–5 years

c. 6–10 years

d. 11–15 years

e. More than 16 years

4. What is your profession/occupation?

5. What is your ethnic background?

White

Korean

Black

Chinese

Hispanic

Indian

Mexican

Pakistani

Bosnian

Cambodian

Vietnamese

Afro-American

6. What is your first language?

7. How well do you feel that you are able to understand spoken English? (This question can be answered by the interviewer)

Few words

Few sentences

Reasonably well

Converse well

Fluent

8. Would you be interested in meeting with someone who would help you to practice and improve your English?

Yes

No

Maybe

9. Does your family have a religious preference?

Buddhist

- Hindu
- Islamic
- Jewish
- Protestant
- Roman Catholic
- Other _____

10. How often do you attend church or other religious services?

- Almost every week
- Once a month
- Twice a month
- None

11. If you belong or have belonged to a church, why do you find it hard to go to church? What discourages you from going to church?

12. If an opportunity was available, would you be interested in learning what the Bible has to say about who God is and how He relates to man?

- Yes
- No

13. If *yes*, which of the following settings would be most preferable to you?

- a. Individually
- b. With a small group
- c. In a classroom type setting

14. If *no*, are there any other spiritual topics that you would be interested in learning about? If so, please specify:

15. In your opinion what are the two biggest problems in this neighborhood?

- Abandonment
- Gangs

School dropout

Crime

Safety

Poverty

Poor education

Domestic violence

Health care

Alcohol/drugs

Unemployment

16. Which of these areas would you be interested in? (Circle three important areas of interest.)

Sports camp

After-school kids' club

Movie nights

Parenting and family issues classes

Soul café (coffee shop)

Free immunization (provided by a medical clinic)

17. Would you like to give your name and address for future contact?

Name: _____

Address: _____

Appendix 6: Sample Survey

COLLEGE CAMPUSES

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1. What is your gender?
 2. What is your major at school?
 3. What is your ethnicity?
 - Caucasian
 - Black/African-American
 - Asian
 - Hispanic/Latino
 - Other
 4. What is your first language?
 - English
 - Chinese
 - Korean
 - Japanese
 - Spanish
 - Other

5. Which of the following best describes you?

Buddhist

Ancestral worship

Confucian

Catholic

Protestant

Jewish

Muslim

Hindu

Other _____

6. If you are a Protestant, do you go to your home church?

7. Can you tell us why you do not go to your home church?

Because it is too far to go to my home church.

Because my home church does not have Sunday service for college students or young adults.

Because I do not have my old friends at my home church anymore.

Because I am not satisfied with my home church activities.

Other: _____

8. If you decided (or are thinking) to stop going to church, what are your reasons?

Too busy

Bad experience

Doesn't meet my needs

Don't know anyone

Other: _____

9. Which of these would be motivating factors to go to church as a Christian?

Training of children

Drawing closer to God

Finding forgiveness

Finding purpose to life

Meeting new friends

Other: _____

10. Please choose the three most important things in your life in order of priority. (Please indicate 1, 2, 3.)

Money

Religion

Family

Friendship

Career

Health

Education

Other: _____

11. In your opinion, what are the two biggest problems of Christianity? (Please indicate 1 and 2.)

Selfishness

Exclusiveness of other beliefs

Arrogance

Judgmental attitude

Lack of love

Lack of charity

None

Other: _____

12. I would be more fulfilled with more:

Inner contentment

Personal significance

Stability

Hope

Emotional support

Sense of belonging

Relevant beliefs

Purpose in life

13. Is there anything else you want to tell us?

14. Would you want us to contact you if we start any events?

Name:

Email:

Phone: