

Catechist Tip Sheet

ASK GOOD QUESTIONS

THERE ARE 4 TYPES OF QUESTIONS

INFORMATIONAL

These questions are surface level. They are most often just recall of particular facts such as "Who can name the seven Sacraments?"

IMPLICATIONAL

These go below the surface and require critical thinking. For example, "What are some concrete examples of what the seventh commandment tells us not to do"

INDIVIDUAL

These elicit individual feelings and opinions such as "How was this passage from Matthew 12 speaking to you personally?"

IDEOLOGICAL

These invite participants to grapple with the deeper meaning of things such as "How might the world look different if everyone lived by the Beatitudes?"

- KEEP QUESTIONS SIMPLE, AND TO THE POINT
- KEEP THEM OPEN-ENDED
- ALLOW TIME FOR THINKING; DON'T ANSWER YOUR OWN QUESTIONS
BECAUSE YOU ARE UNCOMFORTABLE WITH SILENCE
- REPEAT QUESTIONS AND ASK IN A DIFFERENT WAY TO ALLOW
PARTICIPANTS TO TRULY HEAR AND CONSIDER ANSWERS
- MOVE AROUND THE ROOM AND MAKE EYE CONTACT
- GIVE FEEDBACK TO ANSWERS
- LET QUESTIONS LEAD INTO DISCUSSIONS BY INVITING MULTIPLE
RESPONSES FROM PARTICIPANTS



