



SESSION 11: Spiritual Conversations 1



-  You may decide to facilitate a whole-group discussion, divide into smaller groups, or pair people up to answer the session discussion questions.
-  You may have time to invite each pair or group to summarize their discussion for the whole group at the conclusion of discussion times. You may want to collect brainstormed activities on a whiteboard or easel pad.

DIGGING INTO GOD'S WORD

Reflect on the following based in Deuteronomy 6:6-7 and Colossians 3:12-17:

1. The Deut. verses reflect **a spiritual flow of conversation about God and faith thru out each day.** On a scale of 1-10 (1 being my household seldom or never talks about God and faith during the week, and 10 being my household talks about God and faith daily during the week), what number would I give my household for engaging in spiritual conversations?

2. Explain how the **“one another” actions** in the Colossians verses invite and even may require more intimate and spiritual conversations.

3. **Describe a time** I experienced a “one another” action and the spiritual talk that was shared.

4. Describe a time I wanted to share some conversation about God or faith, but **ignored the urge.**



EVALUATING - Prioritizing and Nurturing the Habit of “Engaging in Spiritual Conversations”

1. When my household is together, is there a **balance of screen and face-to-face time**, or do I feel there is a need to find a healthier balance. If there is a need, how can I help accomplish this?

2. Would I describe the **interactions** in the household I grew up in as open and engaged, or as private and detached?

3. What **words would I use to describe the daily environment** in my household? What words would my household members or extended household members use?

4. Does each member of my household or extended household have more than 1 **spiritual friend**? If not, how can we grow some new friendships involving God and faith?

5. Does the covenant God made with me in **baptism** strengthen and comfort me in having spiritual conversations with others? Is my conversation flowing from times with Him in **Word and prayer**?

Feels Like Home

The routines, activities and relationships of a household all work together to create an atmosphere, a certain character or undercurrent that defines the home. When asked to describe their households, most Christians use positive—indeed, homey—language.



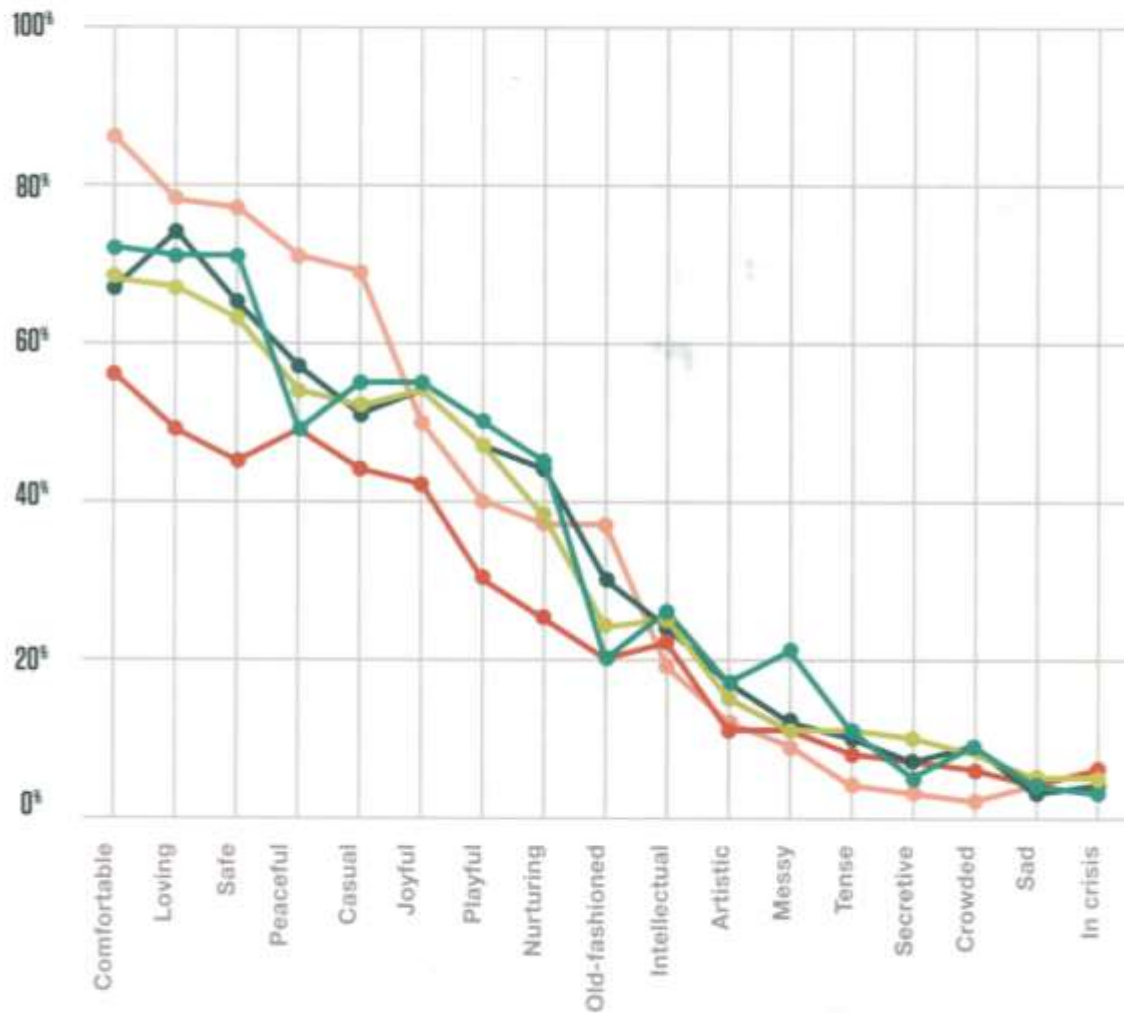
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Atmosphere in Different Types of Households

% of respondents in each household type who use this adjective to describe their household atmosphere

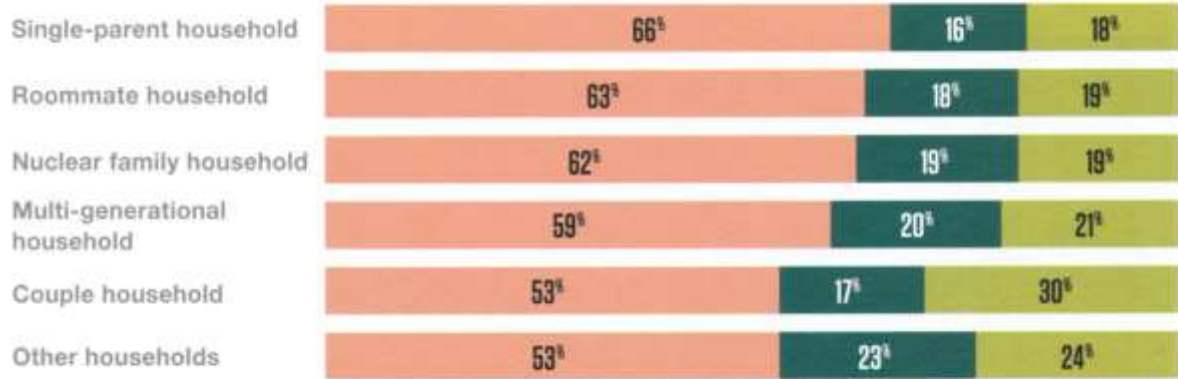
- Nuclear family household
- Single-parent household
- Multi-generational household
- Roommate household
- Couple household



Households & Their Closest Friends

Do you have any people in your life who are so close they feel like family?

● One or two
 ● More than two
 ● None



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