

Interview Outline: General Questions

Personal Background

1. Tell me about the following:
 - a. Where you were born and raised.
 - b. Your parents, siblings, wife, and children.
 - c. Your education and career.

Conversion to the Church

1. What was your religious background before you joined the Church?
2. How did you hear about the Church, and what were your first impressions?
3. Were there any doctrines that were difficult to understand or accept?
4. Who were the missionaries that taught you? Were there any language barriers?
5. When did you first think that what you were learning was true, and what most influenced that conviction?
6. When and where were you baptized? Who baptized and confirmed you?
7. What was the reaction of your family and friends?
8. Has there ever been a time when you stopped coming to Church? If so, what influenced you to return? If not, what has helped you remain faithful and active?

Callings

1. Describe your call to serve as _____ (bishop, stake president, Relief Society president, and so on).
 - a. When were you called and what was your reaction?
 - b. What events in your past best prepared you for this calling?
 - c. How did you select your counselors? Describe your counselors.
2. Describe the kind of training you received.
3. What goals do you have in your current calling as _____?
 - a. Describe your efforts to accomplish these goals.
4. Describe how your organization functions.
 - a. How has this calling affected your family relationships?

Conclusion

1. Describe any significant events in _____ that you have experienced, such as the visit of the prophet, the creation of a stake, a temple dedication, a natural disaster, and so on. What impact did these events have on your testimony?
2. What do missionaries and Church leaders need to know about this country – its history and culture – to better understand the people?
3. What are the blessings that have come into your life as a result of your membership?
4. Are there major issues that we have not covered in this interview?
5. How would you feel about ending the interview with your testimony?