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**How to use this guide:** The purpose of the CCI Project is to intentionally get to know and appreciate persons of another culture. This should happen fairly naturally. But it will not happen if you don't make the effort to try to get to know them at deeper levels. The questions below are *just samples* of questions you can ask to find out about the person you are spending time with for your CCI Project. Questions in the list below can help you discover a variety of characteristics of another person's culture. You do not have to ask all of these questions! Let them inspire you to ask questions that feel appropriate and flow naturally out of your conversation with them. These questions display a range of shallow and deep, public and personal topics. Please use tact and wisdom in all of your interactions with others. Enjoy!

1. How do people greet one another?
2. How do you welcome visitors into your home?
3. What languages are spoken in your country/community? What languages do you speak?
4. What major holidays are celebrated where you live? How do you celebrate them?
5. How are birthdays celebrated? Are some birthdays more special than others?
6. At what age are you considered an adult?
7. At what age do people typically marry?
8. Are marriages arranged by parents or chosen by the couple?
9. What daily rituals or customs are common in your community?
10. What are the typical styles of dress?
11. What types of music are popular?
12. Do people of your culture like to dance? What kind of dancing?
13. Do you have any traditional fairy tales? What are they?
14. What do people like to do for recreation?
15. Do buildings have a certain look or style?
16. Do you live in a city/village/town/other?
17. Is your house close to the house of your neighbors?
18. Do you know most of the people in your community well, or are they strangers?
19. What types of jobs do adults do? What types of jobs do kids do?
20. How common is it for homes to have electricity and running water?
21. How do most people travel if they want to go somewhere?
22. What are your seasons like? What month is the hottest? What month is the coldest?
23. What types of natural disasters are most common where you live?
24. What are some foods that are popular in your community?
25. What types of things do people in your community do together?
26. What are some interesting things about your country or community's history?
27. What customs or practices in your culture are often misunderstood by those from other cultures?
28. What are people's attitudes about time and being on time for meetings?
29. Do you have things that are considered lucky or unlucky? What are they?
30. What does the word "success" mean to people in your community?
31. What attitudes and practices do people have about personal health?
32. What attitudes do people have about children/young people?
33. What attitudes do people have about the elderly?
34. Is it safe for children to play outside in your community?
35. How do people view the relationship between tradition and progress?
36. How are gender roles viewed in your community?
37. What religious or spiritual beliefs are common in your community? How do they affect daily life?
38. What do people in your culture think or feel about people in my culture?
39. How can I pray for your country or community?
40. How can I pray for you?