

Good Men Good Friends

Interview Questions Preview

How to prepare:

Please take a bit of time to review the following questions and think about them. **Which questions are you most interested in discussing?** Are there topics you *don't* want to discuss?

I suggest writing down some answers/ideas and bringing written or printed notes. It can be easy to go blank when in front of a microphone. You don't need to show me your notes. It's OK to have your notes with you during filming. I have a printer at my work, and would be happy to print for you.

Do you have any photos or video clips you are willing to share? If yes, please upload to google drive.

Questions:

Part 1: Who are you?

Tell me your life story in 3 sentences or less

Tell me your life story in roughly 10 sentences

What is a good question to ask you? What would you like to talk about? Write your own question!

If I wanted to know your friend better, what would be a good question to ask him?

What do you do for work?

What do you like to do for fun?

Do you have a romantic partner?

Part 2: How did you two meet?

How did you meet your friend?

What was your first impression of your friend? How has your impression changed?

Part 3: Your thoughts on friendship in America

According to 2021 data from the Survey Center on American Life:

- Thirty years ago, a majority of men (55%) reported having at least six close friends. That number has been cut in half.
- 1 fifth of single men reported having no close friendships at all, a fivefold increase since 1990.

Why do you think this happened?

Are you satisfied with the number and quality of friendships in your life?

What can men who are lonely do to make more, better friendships?

What do you think you can work on personally to be a better friend to others than you are now?

Part 4: Your thoughts on masculinity

What does it mean to be a man? A good man?

What is toxic masculinity?

What is positive masculinity?

Who are your role models? Who do you want to be more like?

How has your family and cultural background influenced the way you think about masculinity and friendship?

Part 5: Your friendship

Why are you two still friends?

How does your friend make you feel when you are together?

What are specific things that your friend does that you appreciate?

What is something your friend has done that annoyed you?

What is something you don't understand about your friend?

What is a question you have never asked your friend before?

What is something your friend doesn't know about you?

What is your favorite thing about your friend?