

# Faith & Chai: Discussion Questions

*Option: Print out the questions, cut them into slips of paper, and place them in a bowl in the center of the group. During your discussion, have people take turns drawing a question and reading it aloud. Let the discussion flow and have someone draw a new question when people are ready to move on.*

1. How has your faith influenced your cultural identity, and which components of your religious upbringing are most relevant to you?
2. Is your faith something you practice daily, weekly, monthly, yearly? How does it influence your day to day life?
3. What does the word "Religion" mean to you?
4. What do you think God is like and how did you form those ideas?
5. What do you think is humanity's basic problem? What solutions do you see to this?
6. What is the central message or chief goal of your faith?
7. In your opinion, what is the purpose of life? Why do you think this is such a difficult question to answer?
8. What do you think God expects of us? What do you expect from God?
9. Do you practice your religion differently than your parents? If so, why?

10. Are you interested in learning about other religious traditions? If so, what aspects interest you and why?
11. What is a mis-conception someone has made about your faith or religious background? How did you react?
12. What is something you find funny about faith and spirituality?
13. How do you define good and evil? Where did you get those ideas from?
14. What is the strangest thing that your parents wanted you to believe? What is something you were forced to believe growing up?
15. What are areas of doubt you experience personally? Where do you struggle to believe?
16. Are there any ideas or concepts that you feel are shared by different South Asian faiths, and how do they contribute to a sense of community or diversity?
17. Can you share an important ritual or practice from your faith that is meaningful to you, and how does it contribute to the cultural aspect of your community?
18. In what ways have you experienced or enjoyed features of various South Asian faiths and how would interfaith understanding benefit our community?
19. What challenges or misconceptions have you faced as a member of your faith, and how can we address them?

20. How do your faith's sacred writings or scriptures influence your moral and ethical ideals, and are there any specific teachings that speak to you?
21. How do art, music, and literature help you express your religion, and are there any cultural traditions that are particularly spiritually significant to you?
22. How does your faith foster community involvement and social responsibility, and can you share any personal experiences or efforts demonstrating this?
23. Looking ahead, what are your hopes and aspirations for fostering greater understanding and collaboration among South Asian communities with diverse religious backgrounds?