

Section 1: Childhood, Adolescence, and Coming of Age

- 1) Can you write your name, age, and pronouns?
- 2) Can you tell me where you're from, where you grew up, and what your childhood was like?
- 3) Did you like attending middle and highschool?
- 4) When were you first aware of Queer identities in general? How did that happen?
- 5) Who or what influenced you the most growing up? [this can include life events of any nature from fanfiction and tumblr, to 9/11 and Obamacare]
- 6) How did race affect you growing up?
- 7) What was it like growing up Adventist?

Section 2: Burgeoning Queerness and Lesbianism

- 8) When did you realize that your sexuality was different from what was around you?
- 9) What were your earliest interactions with Queer spaces?
- 10) If you had queer and/or Lesbian friends growing up, how did you all find each other? Clothing, body language, club, sport, or something else?

- 11) Do you remember what your first exposure to Lesbianism was?
- 12) Around what year did you know you were a Lesbian and how did you arrive there?
- 13) Have clothing, jewelry, makeup, tattoos, piercings and any other body modifications, or other forms of gendered expression assisted with affirming your identities or Lesbianism?
- 14) Have any forms of art like photography, paintings, theater, films, television, zines, sculpture helped you for your Lesbianism?
- 15) Do you believe in 'coming out'? Have you 'come out' multiple times before? Does the phrase 'coming-in' to your identity versus coming out resonate with you?
- 16) When and who was your first non-man crush? Real or fictional?
- 17) Have you ever struggled with your identities?
- 18) Did 'Lesbian' or 'Dyke' as an identity ever feel scary to you? If so, why?
- 19) What were your first encounters with Lesbian sex both directly and indirectly? What attitudes did you have around it before and after the encounters?
- 20) Have your views on marriage changed from before and after you've identified as a Lesbian? Both as an institution but also as a means of romantic unity?

- 21) Has your Lesbianism been influenced by theory or academics in any way? And if so, how?
- 22) How do you negotiate your Lesbian identity in different spaces? Like to yourself, to other Queer people, to straight people, to your family, at work, and/or at school?

Section 3: Influence of Marginal Identity on Lesbianism and Queerness

- 23) How does race inform your interactions with the Lesbian community?

Section 4: Community-Based Questions

- 24) What's it like making and meeting Lesbians in your city now?
- 25) Have you experienced or felt any isolation or disconnection from the broader Queer community as a Lesbian?
- 26) Where and how do you find other Lesbians? (bars, online, dating apps, meeting halls, music venues, halls in supportive churches, etc.)?
- 27) If you are in Lesbian spaces now, are you noticing any specific subcultures?
- 28) What was your first visit to a Lesbian-related place or event like? What did you expect to find? Did the reality fit your expectations, or was it completely different?

- 29) What has it been like building Lesbian community during the beginning of the pandemic in 2020? Has there been any struggle building physical, in-person Lesbian communities during COVID-19?
- 30) What does identifying as a Lesbian mean to you?
- 31) What does Lesbian community mean to you?
- 32) How do your marginal identities impact how you think about Lesbian community?
- 33) How are you making space for people whose marginalities you don't hold within your Lesbian community? For example Trans lesbians, Lesbians of color etc
- 34) What Lesbian spaces or communities, if any, are you involved in now?
- 35) What Lesbian spaces or communities do you wish existed?
- 36) What does Lesbian joy mean to you?