

STONEWALL *OutLoud*

PREPARE YOUR QUESTIONS



Start with some warm-ups to get you and your partner comfortable and at ease. Ask open-ended questions — the kind that can't be answered with a simple “yes” or “no.” Follow up with probing questions about details that interest you. If you are interviewing someone you know well, share a specific memory or story you want to hear more about. Use this opportunity to ask the questions you've always wanted to ask, think of it as a great conversation, and be yourself. To get you started, here is a list of 10 of StoryCorps founder Dave Isay's favorite interview questions for Stonewall OutLoud:

TELL ME...

a little bit about yourself—when and where were you born?

HOW DID YOU...

first begin to realize your sexual or gender identity?

TELL ME...

about the first time you came out. Whom did you tell and why?

DO YOU HAVE...

memories from your youth when you were treated kindly due to your sexual or gender identity? Cruelly?

HOW...

has your life been different than you imagined?

WHO...

was your first love? Your first relationship?

HAVE...

things changed for the LGBTQ community over the past 50 years? How do you hope life will be different for the LGBTQ community 50 years from now?

WHAT ADVICE...

would you give your teenage self?

WHAT...

are you most proud of?

HOW...

do you want to be remembered?