

Ethical Inventory Questions

(Derived from Richard Johnson-Sheehan's Ethical Categories)

1. **Discovering values related to personal ethics:** What makes for a good person? Neighbor? Friend? Parent? Sibling?
2. **Discovering values related to social ethics of care:** How do the people in the first question show that they care for one another?
3. **Discovering values related to social utilitarian ethics:** What are some actions people take to make the world a better place? What makes these actions good?
4. **Discovering values related to social policies/rules:** What makes for a good organization? A school? A church? A corporation? A government?
5. **Discovering values related to social rights/laws and rules:** What rights, rules, and laws are important to you as a citizen of the United States? As a member of this school? As a member of your church? As a member of your town?
6. **Discovering values related to conservation:** What do people do to care for the earth, its air and water, and its plants and animals? What makes these actions good?

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