

## Conversation Starters

- 1) What events in my life have led me to what I currently think of death?
- 2) How has the death of a close family member or friend (eg. Spouse, child, parent, sibling) influenced me?
- 3) How have I responded to the sudden death of a family member, or how would I like to respond?  
To a prolonged illness?  
To suicide of a close friend or relative?
- 4) Is there any relationship I have which needs healing?
- 5) If you were just diagnosed with an illness which would mean death in 4 weeks, what would you do?
- 6) I have a friend who denies that he is dying and has a teenage daughter, and has refused to tell her that he is dying, and I think he needs to tell her that he is dying. What would I say or do?
- 7) If you have just had an accident, were bleeding and could not move, and realize you could die any minute, what would be your response?
- 8) If your sister-in-law is on life support, awaiting a liver transplant, and you visited her, what would you say to her?
- 9) If your close friend who lives in another state, has a terminal illness and is in pain, and now wants to die, and asks you to come help her die, what would you do?
- 10) Your mother has dementia, has been declining, wants you to come live with her, what would you do?
- 11) A close friend is dying who lives in another state, and wants you to be there, what would you do?