

The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Cell Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- Did you watch the Super Bowl game this past Sunday night? What did you think of the game?
- Football games and other athletic competitions are “friendly” conflicts. Have you ever been in a “friendly” competition that turned unfriendly? How did you resolve that situation?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time. Is there anything you need to **follow up** on this week?
- **Review** the notes you took on Sunday. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you heard?
- **Read** Philippians 4:2-3. In his message, Pastor Brad encouraged us with **five truths about conflict and resolution**.

1. There will be conflicts between Christians

- a. Is it possible to live a life without conflict? Why or why not? Check out Genesis 3 for a hint.
- b. Do you find yourself facing confrontation head-on, or are you more of a non-confrontational person? Can you give some recent examples?

2. Now is the time to be reconciled

- a. Repairing broken relationships is urgent (“The more you drag it out, the more you drag in”), but we can be too confrontational, or even too sensitive. Which one are you?
- b. Before confronting someone, ask these questions: *Did they intentionally try to hurt me?*; *Should I let love cover this?*; and *Was what they did sinful?* Which of these three questions is the hardest for you to consider? Why?

3. Sometimes reconciliation requires a mediator

- a. Paul asks a “true companion” (vs. 3) to step in and mediate. Have you ever been asked to mediate a conflict between two people? If so, what did you learn from that experience?
- b. Why is it difficult to ask for godly help when you’re in the middle of a conflict?

4. A restored relationship brings joy

- a. Pastor Brad reminded us of two ways to get joy through confrontation (Ephesians 4:31-32). Which of the two do you need to work on this week?
 - a. Attack the problem, not the person.
 - b. Act, don’t react.

5. Having a heavenly perspective will help your earthly relationship

- a. Ultimately, God is the ultimate reconciler. As a group, pause right now and thank God that He sent Jesus to repair the relationship with that we had broken with Him when we sinned.

MEMORIZE FOR NEXT TIME

- *Philippians 4:2-3 - “I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.”*

