

Each week at Saylorville Church, following the exposition of a given passage from Scripture, a small group of individuals then take the message to deeper levels of truth and its application. The questions below are intended to provoke discussion among our Cell Groups. The intention is not that every question is pursued but that each leader, using the following questions as a guide, interacts with their particular group.

As God is My Witness (A Peek Into the Heart of a Pastor)

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2 Corinthians 1:23-2:4

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Review:

1. Read 2 Corinthians 1:23-2:4
2. What is the main idea of the passage?
3. What was the main idea of the message?

Application:

1. In 2 Corinthians 1:23, what is Paul referring to when he says, “it was to **spare you** that I refrained from coming again to Corinth?” Spare you (the Corinthians) from what?
2. What amazes you most about the heart of a pastor?
3. What are some of the potential dangers of allowing the “dog eat dog” mentality to find its way into the church and/or the heart and mind of the pastor?
4. How do you know when and when not to pick a fight? What constitutes a “good fight” (for a pastor, for a church, and for you)? Have you been in one lately? How did it go?
5. Have you ever wasted energy fighting for something that wasn’t worth the fight? What happened? What did you learn?
6. How can we most effectively fight against the Devil and fight against the flesh? What tools do we have at our disposal? As followers of Christ, what does it mean to fight “from victory,” rather than “for victory”?
7. What do you need to fight for this week? (For the Faith, Against the Devil, Against your Flesh, With Endurance, For Joy)
8. Describe how Paul models the “heart of a pastor” in Philemon 1:8-9?
9. Pray together, thanking God for giving us all things that pertain to life and godliness.