

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.

Forgiveness and Restoration  
Pastor Pat Nemmers  
2 Corinthians 2:5-11  
November 8, 2015

Review:

1. Read 2 Corinthians 2:5-11
2. What is the main idea of the passage?
3. What was the main idea of the message?

Application:

1. Why is it that Satan devises his craftiest schemes against followers of Christ and the Christian Church in the area of forgiveness? What is our best defense against Satan in the face of these attacks and schemes?
2. How can we prevent ourselves from being outwitted by the enemy and/or ignorant of his designs?
3. Share an example of a time in which you harbored an unforgiving Spirit toward someone. Did you resolve the situation, and if so, how did you do so?
4. In your experience, which is more difficult: forgiveness or restoration? Why?
5. How do we handle forgiveness in situations when those who have sinned against us are unrepentant? What about situations in which those who we have sinned against refuse to grant forgiveness?
6. How is it that when one member of a church chooses a path of sin, it causes all members of the church to suffer? Similarly, how is it that when one member of a church turns back to Jesus, it causes all members of the church to turn back to Jesus? How have you seen these biblical concepts lived out at Saylorville Church?
7. What specifically did you learn about the topic of church discipline through this passage, the message and the testimony? How can you apply this new knowledge?
8. Is there someone today who you need to forgive, comfort and/or reaffirm? How can you best go about doing that?
9. Do you feel you are beyond God's forgiveness? Why? Where did you get that from? What truth do we know that gives us hope in Christ's forgiveness?
10. Are you living in secret sin? Is your spiritual life struggling? Are you joyless? Do you want back in? Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. So will the church.