

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.

Life as an Open Letter  
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2 Corinthians 3:1-3

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Review:

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

Application:

1. What was most challenging to you from the message?
2. For outside observers, how obvious is the evidence of your relationship with God? What specific areas of your life show the most evidence of God? Which areas are lacking evidence of God?
3. In this series, Paul has been described as having a “bleeding heart” for the Corinthians. What do you think it means to be a “bleeding heart for a broken people?” Do you have a “bleeding heart” for any particular cause, and if so, how does this cause align with your identity as a follower of Jesus Christ?
4. Discuss Paul’s word picture in 2 Corinthians 3:3, which describes Christ as the writer, Paul as the mailman, the Holy Spirit as the ink and the Corinthians as the paper. What lessons/life applications can we draw from this word picture?
5. How legible/readable is your life to other people? How legible/readable is your salvation story?
6. If we asked people that work with you or spend time with you, would they say your life is compelling or repelling? What areas need improvement?
7. Share an example of someone who has a very compelling salvation story. What makes his or her story so compelling?
8. Why is it important to have a tender, responsive heart? What criteria can we use to gauge the tenderness of our hearts?
9. What is the most recent scripture passage that you have memorized? What is your favorite passage of memorized scripture? Challenge yourself to memorize a new scripture passage this week.
10. Pray together, asking God to help us live lives that are open letters from God to others, so that we may leave people trails here on earth, not paper trails.