

The questions below are intended 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 needs of their unique group.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

1. Go around your Group and talk about your favorite family vacations.
 1. Did you ever go camping? Was it in a tent, an RV, a camper, or just sleeping under the stars?
 2. What are some characteristics of tents? Brainstorm with your Group.

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- What is your one thing from Sunday? What stuck out to you about what you heard (a new idea, an application, a challenge, a question, or a new thing you learned)?

- **Read 2 Corinthians 5:1-10**

- In his message, Pastor Pat reminded us that we are just “Tent Dwellers” here on earth:

Vs. 1:

1. Paul compares our earthly bodies to tents. What other metaphors has Paul used to describe our lives on this earth? (E.g. “Jars of clay in 2 Cor. 4:7; etc.)
2. Based on this passage, why do you think the tent metaphor is such an appropriate one?

Vs. 2:

1. Think back to this past year. What are some struggles you’ve had that have made you “groan?”
2. Read vs. 2 again. When is groaning a good thing? How can you “groan in the right direction”?

Vs. 3-4:

1. As Christians, we are “heavenly citizens holding earthly visas.” How does this kind of perspective on our temporary lives change the way you shop, schedule, parent, talk to your neighbors, etc.?
2. How do passages like Psalm 116:15 and Phil. 1:21-22 help shape our view of life and death?

Vs. 5:

1. How might you explain to an imaginary five-year-old the idea that God has given us the Holy Spirit as a guarantee of our future in heaven?
2. Now tell that same five-year-old how that guarantee makes a difference in your daily life!

Vs. 6-8:

1. Since our future in heaven is guaranteed by God, we can have courage as we walk through this life. Quickly scan through Hebrews 11 and talk about how the faith of those mentioned changed the way they viewed their struggles.
2. What gave those heroes of the faith such courage? (Check out Hebrews 11:1 for a hint.) What would it take for your life to be written about in a modern-day version of Hebrews 11?

Vs. 9-10:

1. Read verse 9 out loud as a Group. Will you commit this week to “make it your aim to please Him”?
2. How can your Group encourage each other this week to live out this commitment?

“If you find yourself with a desire that no experience in this world can satisfy, then the most probable explanation is that you were made for another world.” C.S. Lewis

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- As a Group, thank God for the guaranteed future we have as Believers, and for the hope that gives us.

