

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)

- Show your Group a few of your favorite pictures - on your phone, hanging on your wall, or in frames on your mantle.
 - Talk about the circumstances surrounding these snapshots. What was happening in your life when that picture was taken? Describe the people in the pictures. What do these pictures say about you?

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 Matthew 27:32-44**
- In his message, Pastor Pat shared five pictures from the scenes surrounding Christ's crucifixion:

Picture #1: Simon of Cyrene - A picture of divine choosing (vs. 32)

- A. If you are a Christian, describe how the Gospel "compelled" you to accept Christ as your Savior.
- B. Read Matthew 16:24. What does Jesus mean by the phrase, "take up your cross"?
 1. What might that look like in our world in 2016?

Picture #2: The Gall offered to Jesus on the cross - A picture of the temptation to escape the cost of discipleship (vs. 34)

- A. What difference would it have made if Jesus drank all of the gall and had his senses dulled?
- B. Do you ever look for shortcuts or ways to escape the cost of being more like Jesus?
 1. How does it help you to realize that Jesus didn't give in to the temptation to take a shortcut?

Picture #3: Golgotha and the place of the Crucifixion - A picture of the extreme love of God in the face of extreme hatred of men (vs. 35-37; 39-43)

- A. How can you personally relate to the truth that your sin is never satisfied?
- B. Read Romans 5:8-10. How does the phrase, "while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" change the way you approach Good Friday this weekend?

Picture #4: The Soldiers - A picture of the extreme love of God in the face of extreme coldness of man (vs. 35-37)

- A. Christ is either King or He isn't King. He cannot be "kind-of King." Pause and think about Jesus as the King of your life - on the throne, worthy of worship, and sovereign over all.
 1. What might tomorrow look like if you woke up committed to serving this King?
 2. On the other hand, what might tomorrow look like for someone who is apathetic or cold toward King Jesus?

Picture #5: The Two Thieves - Good news goes out to all but not all will receive it (vs. 38, 44)

- A. How does the response of the two thieves change the way you think about sharing the Gospel?

Have you crowned Jesus as your Savior, Lord, and King?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- List by name those who your Group will be inviting to the Easter services at Saylorville.

