

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)**

- How did you celebrate Easter this past weekend?
- What's the next step you plan to take with those whom you invited to the Easter services?

**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 way of thinking about something)?
- **Read Matthew 28:1-10**
- On Easter Sunday, Pastor Pat shared four responses we must have to the message of the resurrection:

***Stand in Awe***

- A. As you read Matthew 28:1-10, try to imagine yourself as an onlooker to the resurrection. What are some of the events surrounding the resurrection that amaze you?
- B. Does Jesus still amaze you today? Why or why not?
- C. In John 20, we read the story of Peter and John's reaction to the empty tomb. John first glanced, then Peter stared, then John saw and believed.
  1. Could that progression also describe the relationship you have had with Jesus?
  2. In which category are you right now?

***Come and See***

- A. In verse 6, the angel reminds the women that Jesus has risen, just like He promised He would.
  1. How has God proven Himself to be a promise-keeping God in your life?
- B. If someone was looking at your life to provide proof that Jesus is alive, what kind of evidence would they find? If you believe in the resurrected Jesus, how are you acting on that belief?

***Go and Tell***

- A. Describe a time in your life when you felt like you let God down, like you failed, like you really blew it.
  1. In verse 10, Jesus tells the women to "go tell My brothers." He calls the disciples His brothers. How does Christ's reaction to the disciples (who deserted Him, denied Him, and acted like cowards) encourage you?
- B. The women were the last at the cross and the first to the tomb. Women courageously shared the news of the resurrection with the men who would share it with the world.
  1. Men, what steps can you take this week to be more courageous in your faith?
  2. Women, who do you need to "go and tell" the Good News to this week?

***Bow the Knee***

- A. Other than attending services every Sunday, how do you worship the resurrected Jesus from Monday through Saturday?
- B. Take some time right now to worship Him by simply praying this sentence with your group:

***Jesus, I worship you because \_\_\_\_\_.***

**PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)**

- Pray for great Gospel follow-up conversations with guests that came with you to Easter at Saylorville.
- Pray that our lives will provided evidence that Jesus is alive and that He is our King!

