

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)

- Does anybody in your group wear glasses or contacts? Tell the story of how you first knew you needed glasses.
- Have everybody take off their glasses and “test” their vision by holding up the chart on the other side of this sheet from different distances. Who has the best vision? Who doesn’t wear glasses but needs to?

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 2 Corinthians 5:16-17**
 - In his message, Pastor Pat shared three ways that the Gospel gives us a new perspective. It’s time to put on your “Gospel Glasses” and see things in a whole new way!
- #1 - The Gospel gives you a new way to look at others (vs. 16a):**
- A. Be honest - what are some things you tend to notice about people when you first meet them?
 - B. Read Matthew 9:35-38. Describe Jesus’ perspective when He looked at people. Can you think of other stories in the Bible where Jesus had this same perspective?
 - C. If you’re a Christian, the Gospel gives you a new perspective. How should your perspective on people change when you see them through Gospel glasses?
 - D. Name some of the people that you know you will see this week (neighbors, coworkers, classmates, extended family, etc.). How might you treat them differently if you saw them the same way Jesus sees them? (Hint: one idea is found in Matthew 9:38)

#2 - The Gospel gives you a new way to look at Jesus (vs. 16b):

- A. What’s the difference between knowing Jesus and knowing about Jesus?
 1. Which do you find easier? Why?
- B. If someone asked you, “How do I get to know Jesus?” what advice would you give them?
 1. Are you following your own advice when it comes to knowing Jesus? Explain.
- C. Why do you think Paul connects “knowing Christ” and “suffering” in Philippians 3:10?
 1. Have you seen any connection between the strength of your relationship with Christ and the trials that God allows in your life? Why do you think that’s true?
 2. How does that affect your perspective on suffering?

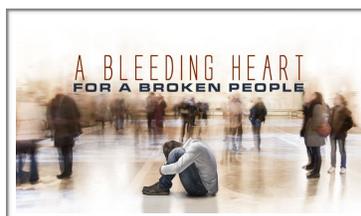
#3 - The Gospel gives you a new way to look at yourself (vs. 17):

- A. If you are a follower of Jesus, think back to your life before salvation. What are some ways Jesus has changed the way you think, feel, and act now that you are in Christ?
- B. When do you find it most difficult to live like a “new creation”?
 1. How does this passage give you hope for the next time you struggle?

How can we remind each other to see life through these three Gospel perspectives this week?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray that God will transform us by transforming the way we look at others, at Jesus, and at ourselves.



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