

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)**

- Do you know the definitions of these big words? If not, look them up on your phone, or check the back side of this sheet for the definitions.
  - *Recalcitrant, lugubrious, quixotic, esoteric, pullulate, anachronistic, deleterious.*

**APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)**

- This week, we're talking about another big word - "reconciliation." As a group, define this epic word.
- **Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-21**
- In his message, Pastor Jason uncovered four epic Gospel truths and their real-life implications:

**#1 - The gospel starts with God, so I can't take the credit (Vs. 18a - "All this is from God..."):**

- A. Do you find it easy or hard to think of yourself as an enemy of God before salvation? Why?
- B. Why do you think humans have a tendency to want to earn our salvation?
- C. How does the truth that the gospel starts with God change the way you think about God?

**#2 - The gospel comes through Christ, so I can't lose my salvation (Vs. 18b - "...who through Christ reconciled us to himself..."):**

- A. Isaiah 64:6 tells us that our good works are like filthy rags or dirty tissues. What are some "dirty tissues" that people try to offer to God as payment for their sins?
  1. How would you help someone understand from Scripture that those dirty tissues won't ever pay the debt that we owe God?
- B. How would it affect our salvation if Jesus was actually a sinner and needed a Savior Himself?
- C. Talk about how it makes you feel that you can't lose your salvation. Try using just one word!

**#3 - The gospel goes from us, so I can't keep it to myself (Vs. 18c - "...God gave us the ministry of reconciliation..."):**

- A. Respond to this quote from Sunday's message: *A lost world is not on the doorstep of a powerless, loveless God, but is on the doorstep of apathetic, unconcerned Christians.*
- B. Tell your group about a situation where you feel like you were a good ambassador for Christ.
- C. Do you have any relationships right now in which you feel you are missing an opportunity to be a good ambassador? What can you do this week to change that?

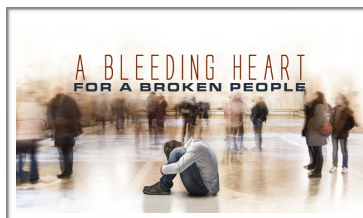
**#4 - The gospel exists for the world, so I can't ignore it (Vs. 20 - "We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God."):**

- A. If you're a parent, how do you react to the image of God the Father sending His Son, Jesus, to take the place of sinners on the cross?
- B. How will you be sure that the gospel is a priority in your life this week?

***What is one specific action step you will take to apply to God's Word this week?***

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

- Pray that God will cause us to respond appropriately to the epic truths of the gospel this week.



# LONG WORDS QUIZ

## **Recalcitrant**

- *Uncooperative toward authority.*

## **Lugubrious**

- *Looking or sounding sad and dismal.*

## **Quixotic**

- *Idealistic, unrealistic and impractical.*

## **Esoteric**

- *Understood by only a small number of people with a specialized knowledge or interest.*

## **Pullulate**

- *Breed or spread so as to become extremely common.*

## **Anachronistic**

- *Out-of-date, not attributed to the correct historical period.*

## **Deleterious**

- *Harmful, destructive, detrimental.*

## **Opulent**

- *Wealthy, rich.*