

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)

- Think back to when you were in high school or college. What motivated you to excel in athletics, academics, the arts, music, your job, etc?
- Now that you are older, how are your motivations the same or different than they used to be?

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 5:9-15**

- In his message, Pastor Pat shared six motivations for living a Godly life:

#1 - Our desire to please God (vs. 9):

- A. Paul wrote that it was his aim to please (to “love to honor”) God. How would you finish this sentence? “I make it my aim to please _____.” Explain your answer.
- B. Name some mundane, routine, even boring tasks in your schedule. Is it possible to do these things in a way that does not please God? How might you do these things in order to please Him?

#2 - The certainty that we will all stand before God (vs. 10):

- A. Sometimes Christians tend to live as “practical atheists” - as if God doesn’t exist. How does it encourage you or make you nervous that God exists, is watching you, and will one day hold you accountable for your life on earth?

#3 - The joy of being rewarded by God (vs. 10):

- A. The Christian will be rewarded based on how worthwhile or worthless his actions were in this life. How do you know if something you are doing is worthwhile or worthless in God’s eyes?
- B. D.L. Moody said, “Our greatest fear should not be of failure, but of succeeding at something that doesn’t really matter.” How might this affect the way you live as a parent, a spouse, a child, a employee, a neighbor, a cell group participant?

#4 - The constant awareness of God (vs. 11):

- A. Explain how thinking right thoughts about God changes the way we look at people around us.
- B. What could your cell group do to remind each other day to stop and think about God throughout the day? Brainstorm with your group, then decide on a simple plan for this week!

#5 - Maintaining a clear conscience (vs. 11-13):

- A. Can you say, along with Paul, that you have a clear conscience before God, before other Christ-followers, and before lost people you interact with?
 1. Are you holding on to a specific area of sin in your life? Read Psalm 32:3-5 for the solution.

#6 - Remaining captivated by the love of Christ (vs. 14):

- A. Read vs. 14 out loud in several different Bible versions. What is the difference between being controlled by Christ’s love for you, and controlled by your love for Christ?

“Thy life was given for me; what have I given for Thee?” - Frances Ridley Havergal, 1858

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- As a group, thank Jesus for giving His life for you, and commit to living your life for Him.

