

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)

- Have you ever bought a product that promised great results but didn't deliver in reality? Talk about that experience and how it made you feel.
- Have you ever met a person who's life didn't match up with the message that they portrayed face-to-face or online in their social media? What did you do about it?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- In his message, Pastor Brad talked about a friend who is always genuinely interested in how he is really doing. Who is the most genuine person you know? How do you know they are so genuine?
- **Read 2 Corinthians 6:3-13**
- On Sunday, Pastor Brad shared two keys to transparency in the midst of adversity:

#1 - Live your life before others free of obstacles (Vs. 3-10):

- A. How do people around you (believers and unbelievers) know that you care about them?
- B. Do you want to be known more for what you agree with, or what you are against? Why?
- C. Would people around you say that the way you live your life is adding or subtracting from the negative impressions that the world has of Christ, Christians, and the church? Explain.
- D. If you could put the message of your life into one phrase, what would it be? At this point in your life, would you say that your life has backed up that message? Give some examples.
- E. How do you feel your life matches up with this quote from Pastor Brad on Sunday, "The upright life of the Christian enhances the power of the Gospel"?
- F. As someone who attends Saylorville, give some examples of ways we have allowed people to belong with Christians before we expect them to behave like Christians.

#2 - Live with an open heart (Vs. 11-13):

- A. What are some characteristics of a person who is not honest and open with others?
- B. How is Jesus the ultimate example of someone Who lived a transparent life?
- C. Are there obstacles in your life that are preventing you from living a transparent life? What can you do this week to begin taking steps to removing those obstacles?
- D. How can this specific Cell Group be a better place for people to be transparent and authentic with each other?
- E. As a Group, come up with a list of your friends, family, coworkers, neighbors, etc. that aren't in Cell Groups that you can begin to invite to be part of the transparent and genuine community that you have in your Group.

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

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray that your group will genuinely love people enough to point them to Jesus this week.

