

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)

- Last Sunday was Mother's Day. Go around your group sharing special memories of your mothers or other people who have had a personal influence on your life.

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- In the New Testament, the Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, a young church leader. Timothy's life was impacted spiritually by two godly women - his mother and his grandmother. How has your extended family impacted your faith journey?
- **Read 2 Timothy 1:3-5 and 3:12-15**
- In his message, Pastor Pat shared three biblical standards to aspire to for every mom, one-day mom, and everyone who wants to influence the next generation:

#1 - Possess a faith real enough for your kids to believe as well (2 Timothy 1:3-5):

- A. Timothy had a "sincere faith," which was modeled for him by his mother and grandmother. Talk about a time when you or someone you know pretended to have it all together, but in reality, you were struggling in your faith.
 - 1. In the future, how would you want your Cell Group help you during those times of struggle?
- B. What does it mean to live a life that isn't perfect but is progressing?
 - 1. If you aren't perfect but you are progressing, what are you progressing toward? What are some habits you have that help you be intentional in that journey of progress?
- C. If you're a parent, how would you like your children to see your faith in action on a daily basis?

#2 - Provide a heritage sturdy enough to encourage them in trials (2 Timothy 1:3-5):

- A. Strong faith "dwelt" (found a home) in Timothy's mother and grandmother. What steps do you need to take to have a life that is more "at home" with God, His Word, and His people?
- B. What concerns you most about the heritage you have been giving to your family so far? In what areas are you challenged to teach and lead differently?
- C. As a church family and as a Cell Group, how can we help single moms or women who have husbands who are far from God?

#3 - Teach truth accurate enough to guide them to Jesus (2 Timothy 3:14-15):

- A. In verse 14, the English word, "whom" is plural. That means Timothy was discipled by a group of people, including his mother and grandmother. If you are a Christian, who are some people that helped you when you started following Jesus?
 - 1. Brainstorm some ideas on how you might personally be part of teaching the next generation to be more like Jesus. (E.g., mentor a teenager, serve in Shine, lead a Cell Group, etc.)
- B. Read Proverbs 4:11. What will the next generation say that we taught them? Where will they say we led them?

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 be part of teaching and leading the next generation to be followers of Jesus.