

The questions below are designed 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 unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- As a group, brainstorm all the things that we say we love. (E.g. ice cream, college football, our favorite song, our family, etc.)
- Why do you think we use the word “love” so much in our language? What are some different words we might use instead?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

Intro:

- **Remember** what your group talked about last time you met. How have you changed since then?
- **Review** the notes you took on Sunday. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you heard?
- **Read** Genesis 29:30-30:24 together. In the message on Sunday, Pastor Pat warned us not to pursue lesser loves.

The Story:

- **Jacob had two wives, Leah and Rachel**
 - Jacob loved Rachel more than Leah, but Rachel was barren (Genesis 29:30-31)
 - Jacob loved Leah less than Rachel, but Leah was able to have children (Genesis 29:32-34)

Talk About It:

1. **Who do you think was worse off? Rachel, who was loved but couldn't have children; or Leah, who was unloved but had children? Why do you say that?**
 2. **Leah's identity was wrapped up in getting Jacob's affection. If your value in life comes from getting affection, then affection you must have. Affection becomes the idol.**
 1. Do you ever find yourself looking for your identity in the way other people see you? When?
 2. How does it make you feel to hear that affection from others might be an idol in your life?
 3. What are some immediate steps you can take to begin to find your affection in Christ?
 3. **Rachel's identity was wrapped up in her ability (or inability) to have children. If your value in life comes from having children, then children you must have. Fulfillment becomes the idol.**
 1. How often do you look for your identity in being someone that can provide or produce? Do you find your greatest fulfillment at your job? In your kids? In a hobby? In your money?
 2. Be honest - is it possible that you've made fulfillment an idol in your life?
 3. What are some immediate steps you can take to begin to find your fulfillment in Christ?
- Leah and Rachel both chased after lesser loves. Instead of putting God first, they replaced Him with affection and fulfillment in other areas. **Who/what is your true lover? What are some of the lesser loves that you are prone to pursue instead of pursuing Jesus?**
 - Revelation 2:4-5 gives us a stern reminder of how serious it is when we leave our first love, but it also gives us the path to get back: **Remember, Repent, Repeat.** Will you make a commitment right now to follow this path this week?

PRAY WITH EACH OTHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray **Psalm 73:25-26** together out loud.
- Consider this quote from Augustine: Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in Thee.

