

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](http://www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons).

**CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)**

- *If you were asked to summarize the Gospel in just 60 seconds, what would you be sure to include?*
- *How does this Gospel practically change the way you think about world events? Brainstorm as a group.*

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

- **Remember** what you talked about last time you met. Anything you need to follow up on as a group?
- **Review** the notes you took on Sunday. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you heard?
- **Read** 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13. In his message, Pastor Pat shared **two ways to give “life” to your spiritual leaders**.

**Introduction:**

- Pastor Pat said, “The law of love trumps the law of liberty.”
  - *How does 1 Corinthians 10:23-24 give us insight into the value of our liberties, rights, or even preferences?*
- Struggles and trials reveal both our strengths and our weaknesses.
  - *How have the events of the last 9 months revealed strengths or weaknesses in you life?*

**Giving Life to Your Spiritual Leaders:****1. Encourage them with your love (1 Thessalonians 3:6-7)**

- *Who are some of the spiritual leaders in your life?*
- *How have they breathed life into you?*
- *Proverbs 15:23 reminds us that an encouraging word spoken at the right time is a blessing. With this in mind, how can you bless your spiritual leaders this week?*

**2. Stand Firm With Them In Your Faith (1 Thessalonians 3:8)**

- Paul tells his friends in Thessalonica that their faithful living helped him “really live.”
  - *Do you have any spiritual children that give you “real life” when they stand and grow in their faith?*
  - *How do you personally respond to the statement, “Faith that cannot be tested cannot be trusted”? How has your faith responded to the disruption and disappointment of current world events? Have you stood firm, wavered, or plateaued?*
- Holy Spirit led Christ followers who are trying to be more like Jesus are free to disagree with each other.
  - *As Christians, what are the ground rules for the way we engage with each other over issues in which we disagree? Is that the way you are engaging with others?*

**We were created to be persuaded, so who are you listening to?**

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

- Pray that your group will be Gospel-centered in our response to personal and global events.

