1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

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)

- Who are some people that have had an influence on you in recent years?
- · What characteristics, habits, or practices did they live out that you want to imitate?
- What are some characteristics of Jesus that you want to imitate this month?

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 this week's passage together. In his message, Pastor Pat challenged us to commit to being more like Jesus in three main categories of living.

Commit to Being More Like Jesus...

1. By your submission to God (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13)

- · Would you say you struggle with authority? Why or why not?
- What is God teaching you right now that you're having a hard time submitting to?
- As a Christian, what is your responsibility when you are under an authority that is not leading in a biblical direction?
- How might you need to adjust your attitude this week when it comes to submitting to authority?

2. By your love for others (1 Thessalonians 5:14-15)

- Do you love people? How can they tell?
- What are some examples from Jesus' life when He loved people who were unlovely to the world? How can you imitate Christ in this area?
- Who are some people that are an encouragement to you when you are fainthearted?
- Is there someone who needs your encouragement or admonishing or patience this week? How will you be like Jesus in his/her life?

3. By your discipline of yourself (1 Thessalonians 5:16-22)

- What are some experiences, lessons, or people that have brought you joy in the last few months? Can you truly say that you "rejoice always?"
- As a spouse, parent, child, friend, Believer, etc, how should you be more disciplined? Think
 about two or three habits you could implement in the next few days that could lead to a more
 disciplined life.

How will you become more like Jesus this week?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

Pray that your group will commit to being more like Jesus in specific ways this week.

