

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 needs of their unique group.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- Take out your phones if you have them. What's the picture on the wallpaper of your phone? If you don't have a phone, pull out some pictures from your wallet/purse. What makes these pictures special to you?
- If someone were to look through the pictures on your phone, in your wallet, or hanging on your walls at home, what might they assume is important to you?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)**Intro:****A. Read 2 Corinthians 10:7-18**

- B. In his message, Pastor Pat shared **five characteristics of God's champions**. What is your one thing from Sunday? What stuck out to you about what you heard (a new idea, an application, a challenge, a question, or a new way of thinking)?

#1 - God's champions fear God, not man (vs. 7-11)

- A. The Apostle Paul had some hard words for the Believers in Corinth, even though they didn't like being challenged. If we fear God, not man, how should we react when we see another Believer in sin?
- B. Pastor Pat said, "Some of us need to be broken before we can be built up." Talk about a time when you felt broken, weak, or worthless. How did God use this experience to make you more like Jesus?

#2 - God's champions compare themselves to God, not others (vs. 12-15)

- A. In what area do you compare yourself to others? Why this area and not other areas? What is at the heart of it?
- B. How often do you examine yourself up against Jesus? What changes in your life when you look to Jesus?

#3 - God's champions advance the Gospel, not their own personal agenda (vs. 13-16)

- A. Who have you observed to be a champion for Christ that advances the Gospel? What is it about their life that makes you think that?
- B. As a Cell Group, how can we help each other improve on advancing the Gospel in our circles of influence?

#4 - God's champions boast about God, not themselves (vs. 17)

- A. What things are you tempted to boast about (E.g., accomplishments, financial stability, professional achievements, social standing, etc.)?
- B. Think about your daily roles and routines. How can you practically boast in Christ throughout the day?

#5 - God's champions seek God's approval, not man's (vs. 18)

- A. Who's approval are you seeking? Who are you working to please? Who do you want to impress?
- B. To keep himself humble, George Foreman keeps a picture on his wall of the moment he was knocked out by Mohammed Ali in "The Rumble in the Jungle" in 1974. What are things in your life that cause you to remain humble? How do you view these things in your life? What is your response to being humbled by these things?

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray that we will live 2 Timothy 2:15 lives: *Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.*

"Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord." 1 Corinthians 1:31

