

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)

- How gullible are you? Which of the following news headlines are real news stories, and which are fake? (Answers on next page)
 1. "Half Of Congregation Dies of Starvation As Sermon Goes 15 Minutes Long"
 2. "Skating Rink Closes After Outrage Over Fish Frozen In Ice"
 3. "Christian Feminists Replacing Church Hymnals With Hynals"
 4. "6 Warning Signs That Your Cat Is Depressed"
 5. "John MacArthur Set To Appear On Next Season Of 'Dancing With The Stars'"
- Why do you think people tend to believe most of what they read online, in print, or hear on TV?

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

- A. **Read 2 Corinthians 11:1-4**
- B. In his message, Pastor Pat shared **three awesome realities in light of a gullible world**. 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 - Jesus is Coming (vs. 1-2)

- A. Share some memories from your favorite wedding. If you're married, talk about how you felt the moment you first saw your fiancé on your wedding day.
- B. With those thoughts in mind, explain the illustration that the Apostle Paul uses in verse 2.
- C. If Christians are the bride of Christ, what are some examples of how we might be unfaithful? On the other hand, what does a Christian who stays faithful to Christ look like?
- D. If Jesus came back tomorrow, how would you feel about the way you lived on earth while you waited for Him?

#2 - Satan is Lurking (vs. 3)

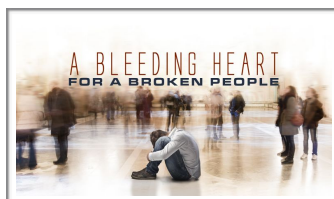
- A. The Bible describes Satan as a serpent (2 Cor. 11:3), a lion (1 Pet. 5:8), and an angel of light (2 Cor. 11:14). As a group, look up the passages above and describe the imagery. Why does the Bible use those descriptions?
- B. While lurking in the Garden of Eden, Satan tempted Eve to doubt God's Word, deny God's Word, then discard God's Word. Where is Satan lurking in your life? Where/when/how are you most tempted?
- C. Colossians 2:8 warns us that Satan wants to win the "battle for our brain" by corrupting our thoughts. According to the previous two verses (Col. 2:6-7), what is the Christian's best strategy for winning that battle?
- D. What will you specifically do this week to take your next step in defeating Satan in the battle for your mind?

#3 - Truth is Hanging (vs. 4)

- A. As a group, make a list of a handful of your core Christian beliefs - doctrines that you are so convinced are true that you would die for them.
- B. How would you defend those beliefs to someone who doesn't know Jesus? What should you do if you can't defend your beliefs?
- C. False teachers in Paul's day had the lingo, but not the Lord. Do you know anyone like that? Have there been times when you might have been described that way?

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray that your Cell Group will not be gullible when it comes to what you believe and how you behave.



How gullible are you? Which of the following news headlines are true, and which are fake?

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