2 Corinthians 11:16-33

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)

- Talk about the last time you prepared a resume. Where you looking for a new job? Working on a school project?
- · What were some items that you listed on your resume? Why did you list those specific items?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

Intro.

A. Read 2 Corinthians 11:16-33 in the New Living Translation of the Bible

- B. In his message, Pastor Pat uncovered **Five Lessons from Paul's Reluctant Resume.** 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)?
- C. Paul uses this passage as his reluctant resume, but the items he lists are strange. Underline or list the items on Paul's resume as a group.

#1 - Stop Whining About Your Circumstances

A. Read 1 Timothy 6:6 - How content are you?

- B. Think about the times when you tend to whine or complain the most. What was at the heart of your whining?
- C. Instead of complaining, how can you be thankful for your circumstances this week?

#2 - Stop Listing Your Accomplishments

A. Read 1 Peter 2:15 - What's the best way to defend yourself before others?

- B. Do you ever find yourself trying to prove to others how valuable you are? Why do you think we do that?
- C. John Glenn once said, "People ask me about my legacy. I'm more interested in my "livacy" than my legacy." As a Christian looking forward to eternity, what are some practical ways you can focus on your "livacy" on earth?

#3 - Start Caring for Others

A. Read 2 Corinthians 11:28 - What does this verse tell us about Paul's motivation?

- B. As a Cell Group, how do you show that you care for one another? Give some examples of times when you knew your Cell Group cared for you personally.
- C. Who are some people outside your group that you could care for in a special way during this holiday season?

#4 - Begin Boasting About Your Weaknesses

A. Read 2 Corinthians 11:33 - What does it mean to "boast in your weakness"?

- B. Be honest what are some of your weaknesses?
- C. How have you seen God show Himself to be strong in the midst of your weaknesses?

#5 - Make Much About Jesus

A. Read 2 Corinthians 10:17 - Do you find yourself making much of "me" or making much of Jesus?

- B. What are some specific ways you have turned conversations or circumstances toward making much of Jesus?
- C. As a parent, spouse, adult child, sibling, coworker, etc., how will you make much of Jesus this month?

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER (5-15 MINUTES)

• Pray that you will be focused on Christ and not on yourself during the circumstances of this upcoming week.

If you pay attention to your "livacy", God will take care of your legacy.

