

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)

- Think back to when you were in high school. Talk about the hardest test you ever had to take. Why was it so hard? Did you study like you should have? What was your grade? Was the grade an accurate reflection of your understanding of the subject?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

Intro:

A. Read 2 Corinthians 13:1-5

- B. In his message, Pastor Pat shared **two tests of our salvation**. 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. Review from verses 1-4:

- Jesus experienced the crucifixion because He was obedient to His Father's will and did not resist His enemies who eventually executed Him. He appeared to be very weak to onlookers. However, His "weakness" was in reality an evidence of great strength, strength of commitment to His Father's will even to death on a cross. The Father rewarded His Son by sustaining Him with supernatural power. Similarly Paul in submitting to God's will had appeared weak to some in Corinth. Nevertheless God would sustain him supernaturally too.

#1 - The Test of Faith (vs. 5a)

- A. The word translated, "examine" in verse 5 indicates a test of the facts. Take a few minutes to share with your group about the facts of your salvation. Talk about who were you before Christ, what happened at salvation, and who you are since salvation.
- B. If someone heard you share your salvation testimony, would they know enough to get saved themselves?
- C. What are some passages you might share when you are telling someone about how Jesus saved you?

#2 - The Test of Fruit (vs. 5b)

- A. Paul is questioning the salvation of some of the Corinthians because he did not see fruit in their lives. According to Galatians 5:19-24, what are the characteristics of someone led by the flesh and someone led by the Spirit?
- B. Which of the fruit of the flesh do you find yourself struggling with the most? Why?
- C. Which fruit of the Spirit is most evident in your life? Which one is lacking? Does your group agree?
- D. Is Paul suggesting that we need to earn our salvation by doing good works? Why or why not? Can you think of other passages in the Bible to support your answer?

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray that each one in your group will be secure in his/her salvation, and if one is not a believer, that he/she would be insecure until that is made right.

"I believe in the security of the believer and the insecurity of the make-believer." - J. Vernon McGee

