

The questions below are intended 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)

- Have you ever had to tell someone that they were wrong? How did that go?
- Has anybody ever told you that you were wrong? Talk about how you responded.
- Confronting someone can be a very delicate road to travel. On the one side, we can fall into the ditch of always confronting, while on the other side, some of us never confront. Which ditch do you find yourself in most often?

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

- B. In his message, Pastor Pat encouraged us to remember **three keys to biblical confrontation**. 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 about something)?

#1 - Broken people need bleeding hearts (7:2-4)

- A. As a group, brainstorm about times in Jesus' life where he confronted people around him. If we want to be like Jesus, what can we learn from the way he confronted sin?
- B. Now read Matthew 9:36 - How does this add to your understanding of the way Jesus viewed people?
- C. Respond to this statement: *If what someone is doing prevents you from loving them, you have a higher standard than Jesus.*
- D. Do you find it easier to view others as broken, or to view yourself as broken and in need of healing?
- E. If you're ready to, talk about how your view of specific people in your life needs to change this week.

#2 - Broken people need bold hearts (7:4)

- A. "Boldness" indicates a freedom to speak frankly and honestly. Who are some people that you have encouraged to speak "frankly and honestly" into your life? If you don't have anybody, are you willing to find people like that?
- B. D.A. Carson said, "God can use love-inflicted pain to produce repentance." If you're comfortable doing so, share about a moment in which you experienced that kind of love-inflicted pain. Did it lead to repentance?
- C. What might happen if you confronted someone with a bleeding heart, but not a bold heart? What might happen if you had a bold heart, but not a bleeding heart? Why are both important?

#3 - Broken people need boasting hearts (7:5-7)

- A. We usually think about boasting as something we should not do, so why is Paul's attitude in this passage something we should actually imitate?
- B. It's easy to be excited when our team wins, when we get a raise, or when something goes better than we thought it would, but when was the last time you "boasted" or rejoiced in someone coming to know Jesus?
- C. As a Cell Group, it will be important to celebrate when people in your group take steps toward being more like Jesus. Go around the room and start the ball rolling by completing this sentence, "Today, because of Jesus, I'm celebrating _____." (E.g., "My salvation, a healed marriage, victory over sin, repentance of a friend, etc.")

We will never treat people the way Jesus does until we see them as Jesus does. How do you see people?

