

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 unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- *If you were asked to explain the Gospel to a child, what would be some key ideas you would want to get across?*

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time you met. Anything you need to follow up on as a group?
- **Review** the notes you took on Sunday. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you heard?
- **Read** this week's passage together. In his message, **Pastor Pat unpacked five realities of those who come to know God.**

Quick Theology Lesson for Believers:

- From the **Father's** perspective - Salvation happens in eternity past (Ephesians 1:4)
- From the **Son's** perspective - Salvation happens at the cross (Galatians 2:20)
- From the **Spirit's** perspective - Salvation happens at a certain time (2 Corinthians 6:2)

Five realities of those who come to God:

- 1. Previously Loved by God - beloved by the Lord (2 Thessalonians 2:13a)**
 - *Salvation begins with God's love for people - for YOU. What does it mean to you that God specifically and intentionally loves YOU?*
- 2. Purposely Chosen by God - God chose you (2 Thessalonians 2:13b)**
 - *God chose each Christian for Himself, not because of anything that Christian has or will ever do. Why is it so theologically important that men and women cannot earn their salvation?*
 - *How does this truth change the way you personally respond to your salvation?*
- 3. Powerfully Set Apart by God - through the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit (2 Thessalonians 2:13c)**
 - *Christ-followers have been set apart by God and to His family. How are you experiencing life change together with God's family on a daily basis?*
 - *What would change in your life if the family of God was removed?*
- 4. Personally Believe - belief in the truth (2 Thessalonians 2:13c)**
 - *According to the Bible, what do you need to believe to be born again? Can you think of other Bible passages that speak to this?*
 - *Be honest: What are you believing in for your salvation?*
- 5. Presented With the Gospel - through our Gospel (2 Thessalonians 2:14-15)**
 - *Who are you talking to about Jesus right now? If not, what's preventing you from doing so?*

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray that the Gospel would impact each person in your group, as well as any children, family, or unsaved friends.

