

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.

(See the next page for questions for families/children)

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- What are some of the things you and your family are doing to stop the spread of the Covid-19 virus?
- Talk about a few activities that you miss doing now that we are all social distancing.
- How are you helping more people be more like Jesus during this time?

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** Exodus 12:14-20. In his message, Pastor Pat taught us **what the Feast of Unleavened Bread says to us today**.

The Picture of Leaven:

- What is "leaven"? Why is leaven such a great illustration of sin?
- Why was it so important to God that the Feast of Unleavened Bread didn't include any leaven?
- Read Galatians 5:9. How have you seen the effect of the spreading of sin in your own life?
- According to Exodus 12:15, the Jewish families were to completely eradicate leaven from their homes during the Feast. If you're a child of God, what are some ways you can work toward ruthlessly and completely eradicating sin from your life?

The Feast of Unleavened Bread says to us today:

(Give each person/couple in your group one of these points and ask them to read the passage and explain how they can personally apply this principle)

1. **God sees your sin. You can't hide it (Psalm 139.1)**
2. **Sin, like leaven, seeks to dominate your life (Genesis 4:7)**
3. **God wants you to take your sin seriously (Psalm 139:23-24)**
4. **God wants you to confess your sin and enjoy His forgiveness (1 John 1:7, 9)**
5. **God wants you to partake of the Bread of Life - His Son (Romans 6:6)**

Propitiation:

When we look upon the cross we see the punishment inflicted upon Jesus for our sin.
When God looked down on the cross, He saw the payment made by Jesus for our sin.

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray together, asking God to help us be more like Jesus by eradicating sin from our lives.



QUESTIONS FOR FAMILIES AND KIDS

If you could pick anything to eat for a meal, what would you choose?

Do you know what "leaven" is? A more common word is "yeast." Why do we sometimes use yeast when we bake?

How is a little bit of sin just like a little bit of yeast?

What is sin? In Saylorville kids we like to say "anything we think, say or do that goes against God".

Who has the "disease" of sin? Look at Romans 3:23 to help you answer. Make a list of sins, and be sure to include sins YOU commit.

How do you get rid of sin? Many would say that being a good person, doing good deeds, and helping others is the way to cover up the bad things we do (our sin). Read Romans 3:20. Then sing the song "Nothing but the blood of Jesus" as a family. What does the song tell us washes away our sin? Has Jesus' blood washed away your sin?

Look up the definition of the word "propitiation." Look up 1 John 2:2. What does it mean that Jesus is the propitiation for our sin?

Who is the "Coming One" represented in the hidden piece of Matzo bread? Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 and talk about what the Gospel is.

Can you hide your sin from God? (Psalm 139:1)

Do you take your sin seriously? (Gen. 4:7) It's seeking to dominate your life. Then you need to take God's love seriously!

Have you confessed your sin to God? (1 John 1:9)

Are you still a slave to sin? Or have you been set free? (Romans 6:6).
Believe in Jesus and you will be saved (Acts 16:31)!

Activity: Make unleavened bread as a family and discuss what leaven is – a symbol of sin.

Activity: Do you have any crackers or pita bread in your home? Compare the differences between leavened bread (like you would use for a peanut butter and jelly sandwich) and unleavened bread (texture, taste, look, etc).

This week's memory verse:

Hebrews 10:25 – "...not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

Next week's verse:

1 John 1:9 – "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."