

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)

- Grab a favorite picture from your mantle, your wall, or your phone. Show your group and tell them the story behind the picture. What does the picture remind you of?
- What are some pictures/illustrations/symbols that we find in the Bible? (Example - the Passover lamb is a picture of Jesus).

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 13:1-16. In his message, Jason showed us **two pictures of God that help teach us**.

1. The Feast of the Unleavened Bread (Exodus 13:3-10)

- Reminds us that God is faithful (vs. 3-5)
 - How do you think the Israelites felt that first night after God led them out of Egypt?
 - What did God do this week to show you that He loves you?
 - If you're a parent, how can you teach your children that God is faithful?
- Reminds us that God takes sin seriously (vs. 6-7)
 - Explain what you remember about how leaven (yeast) illustrates sin.
 - What are some sins that you, or people you know, tend to tolerate?
 - If you're a parent, how can you teach your children that God takes sin seriously?

2. The Dedication of the First-Born (Exodus 13:1-2, 11-16)

- Reminds us that God gives us everything we have (vs. 1-2, 11-13)
 - How do you respond to the idea that your children, your money, your time, your stuff, etc. is not your own, but are really "on loan" from God?
 - Are there parts of your life that you don't want to surrender, or that you're afraid to let go of? Why?
 - If you're a parent, how can you teach your children that God gives us everything we have?
- Reminds us that God provides a Redeemer (vs. 13-15)
 - In the Old Testament, even unclean donkeys needed to be redeemed by a lamb. How does this picture help you understand what God does for His children?
 - Tell your group your salvation story. Ask others in the group to share their stories too.
 - If you're a parent, how can you teach your children that God provides a Redeemer?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray that you and your group will think right thoughts about God, and teach your children right thoughts.



QUESTIONS FOR FAMILIES AND KIDS

What is the favorite picture that you have in your house? Why? Draw a picture of your family.

If you had to pack for a trip in a hurry and could only bring 5 things, what would you choose? Or set a timer for 2 minutes and pack whatever you can before the timer goes off!

Put yourself in the Israelites shoes, how would you feel that first night that you left your home to go wander in the wilderness?

What does "uncertainty" mean? What are you uncertain about today?

How did God show Himself faithful to the Israelites? How has He been faithful to you and your family?

God takes sin very, very seriously-do you? What sins are you trying to hide from God and others right now?

Do you believe that everything you have is from God? What are three things you can be thankful for today?

What do you need to dedicate, surrender up to God? (talents, money, stuff, friends, family)

The Feast of Unleavened Bread was a tradition of the Israelites to help them remember what happened when God brought them out of Egypt. What traditions, festivals, etc. does your family have or participate in to help you remember something special?

Look up the word "redeem", what does it mean? Jesus is our redeeming sacrifice, that provides forgiveness of our sins, God provided Jesus so we can be redeemed. Have you accepted Jesus as the perfect sacrifice for you?

Parents, take time to tell your kids your story of salvation. Kids, if you have a salvation story, share it with your family. Take some time this week to share your salvation story with someone outside your home like a grandparent, aunt/uncle, friend or neighbor. Write a letter or email, draw a picture, give them a call or meet up outside to chat.

This week's memory verse:

1 John 5:13 - I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

Next week's verse:

Proverbs 3:5-6 - Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.