

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)

- Tell your group about some of the big decisions you've made in your lifetime. What are some recent decisions that you've made in which you really needed to know God's will.

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 13:17-22. In his message, Pastor Pat reminded us **how to find and follow God's will**.

How can you know you're being led by God?**1. When you've adjusted yourself to God, not God to you (Exodus 13:17)**

- Sometimes the way God leads us isn't the way we would choose. Tell your group about some examples from your life when it didn't seem like God's direction made sense.
- "God doesn't allow your trials to exceed the maturity of your faith." Respond to that statement.

2. When you remember the legacy behind you while eyeing the goal before you (Exodus 13:19-20)

- Do you have parents or grandparents that left a strong spiritual legacy? If so, talk about what they passed along to you. If not, what kind of legacy do you want to pass on to the next generation?

3. You move when God moves and stay when God stays (Exodus 13:21-22)

- Check out Numbers 9:22. Do you tend to be someone who is way ahead of God, or way behind God when He moves? Why do you say that?
- Henry Blackaby said, "If you want to do God's work, find out where He is working and join Him there." Are there places right now where God is working that you should join Him? How can you start moving that direction this week?

How God "moves us:

1. By His Word (Psalm 119:105)
2. By His Spirit (John 16:13)
3. By Your Prayer (James 4:2)
4. By His Trials (Romans 8:28)

Holiness is adjusting yourself to God. - Pastor Pat

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray for clarity in finding and following God's will for your group.



QUESTIONS FOR FAMILIES AND KIDS

As a kid, how can you know you're being led by God? Look up Ephesians 6:1-2 and Colossians 3:20 to see what God wants children to do.

What does Pastor Pat mean by his first point: "You're led by God when you've adjusted yourself to God, not God to you"? How are you being led by God in your life right now?

Pastor mentions that God took the Israelites along a path opposite of what they would have expected - the long way around instead of the short-cut. Have you ever had to go somewhere and had to take a longer route than what you expected? Why is it better for us to sometimes take the long way instead of a short cut?

2 Corinthians 5:7 says "For we walk by faith, not by sight." What are the differences between walking by faith and by sight? Which way are you walking?

One of the characteristics of God is his faithfulness. Look up the definition of faithful and have your parents help you find verses about God's faithfulness. Make a list as a family of how God has been faithful to you.

God helps us adjust to Him through His Word. Have you made a habit to read the Bible every day? If not, why not start today.

How about a daily habit of prayer? Prayer is a time for us to talk to God. Have you had a conversation with God recently?

Share of a time when you were “moved” by God. What helped make that decision? His Word? His Holy Spirit? By prayer? By His trials?

The first step in following God’s will for your life is salvation. Look up 1 Timothy 2:3-4. Have you taken this first step in following God’s will for your life?

This week’s memory 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.

Next week’s verse:

Romans 3:20 - For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.