

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 needs of their unique group.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- Have you ever been to the Grand Canyon? Seen dolphins jump out of the ocean? Climbed a tall mountain? Tried to count the stars? As a group, talk about some of the most awe-inspiring sights you've seen in creation.
- Do you ever feel like you've lost your sense of "awe"? How can you recapture that?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)**Intro:**

- A. **Read Genesis 1:1-5.** On Sunday, Pastor Pat gave us **six reminders that creation is about God.**
- B. Derick Kidner claims, *"The Book of Genesis is about God, and to read it any other way is to misread it."* If this is true, then what is the Book of Genesis NOT about?
- C. 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)?

#1 - When God speaks, creation obeys (Psalm 33:6, 9)

- A. Creation responded immediately when God spoke in Genesis chapter 1, but we see this pattern through the rest of the Bible too. Can you think of other times in the Bible when creation obeyed God?
- B. What do these stories tell us about how we should respond when God speaks? Is that true of your response?

#2 - When God gives us Light, He is simply extending His nature (1 John 1:5)

- A. Have you ever spent time awake in total darkness? How did that feel? What was your response when the light came on again?
- B. If you're a follower of Jesus, talk about the difference in your life between living in spiritual darkness (before salvation) and living in spiritual light (since salvation).
- C. According to Psalm 119:105, what's one way that we can be sure to walk in the light each day?

#3 - When God sees, it's because God cares (Psalm 139:11-12)

- A. Quickly review the story of Hagar in Genesis 16.
- B. If you're able to, tell your group about a time when you, like Hagar, felt like God might have forgotten you.
- C. What are some practical ways that you can remind yourself (and others) that God sees you, and He cares?

#4 - When God declares something He does "good," it's because He is good (Nahum 1:7)

- A. Who are some people in your life that encourage you to believe that God is always good?
- B. Who can you encourage in the same way?

#5 - When God makes His call, God lays His claim (Isaiah 43:1)

- A. God has made His claim on your life. What areas do you still try to claim as your own?

#6 - When God unleashes His Light, God unveils sin's darkness (2 Corinthians 4:6)

- A. Be honest - do you love your sin? Do you enjoy your darkness? Do you intentionally hide from the light at times?
- B. What will it take for you to reject the darkness and walk in God's marvelous light this week?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Read Psalm 8 out loud from the Bible or from the other side of this sheet.
 - Read slowly, pausing between verses to worship the God of creation.
 - Praise God for being the majestic Creator AND the intimate Father.



Psalm 8

English Standard Version (ESV)

“How Majestic Is Your Name”

A Psalm of David.

1 O Lord, our Lord,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

2 Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
you have established strength because of your foes,
 to still the enemy and the avenger.

3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
 the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

4 what is man that you are mindful of him,
 and the son of man that you care for him?

5 Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
 and crowned him with glory and honor.

6 You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
 you have put all things under his feet,

7 all sheep and oxen,
 and also the beasts of the field,

8 the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
 whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

9 O Lord, our Lord,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!