

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)

- Are there certain people in your life that you have a hard time calling by their first name? Why is that?
- What changes in a relationship when you get to a place where you are on “first name basis?”
- Have you ever thought of yourself being on first name basis with God? Why or why not?

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

- A. Read Genesis 2:4-15.** On Sunday morning, Pastor Brad shared **four truths about God and you**. 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 - God is both far and near to you

- A. In Genesis chapter one, God is called “Elohim” - the mighty, powerful, transcendent God. In chapter two, He is referred to as “Yahweh” - the close, personal, intimate God. Why is it so important that God is BOTH far (Elohim) and near (Yahweh) to you?
- B. If God were only far away, how would that impact the way you responded to Him?
- C. If God were only close and intimate, how would that impact the way you responded to Him?

#2 - God made you for glory

- A. Talk about a time or circumstance in your life where you felt like you didn't have much worth.
- B. Read Psalm 8:3-6. In one word, how does it make you feel to read that God created you and crowned you with “glory and honor”?
- C. What are some ways that our culture tries to find that glory and honor in places other than in our Creator?

#3 - God created the earth for you to live with Him

- A. God actually walked with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:8). Imagine out loud what that must have been like.
- B. Think about your schedule during these last few days - do you feel like you took time to walk and talk with God?
- C. Right now, talk to your group about how you plan to spend time with your Creator during this upcoming week.

#4 - God can restore you

- A. God's plan is to make us like Jesus, both in this life and in eternity. What are some things that tend to distract you from becoming more like Jesus every day?
- B. Other than Jesus, what else are you pursuing or hoping to become? Is it worth it?
- C. Get specific - how are you helping someone else become more like Jesus?

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Praise God for being both Elohim and Yahweh in times of temptation, trials, and trouble.
- Confess to God and to each other the areas in which you pursue honor and glory outside of your Creator.

God intended us for intimacy. He created us for community. He formed us for family.

