

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)**

- Talk about a time when got in trouble with an authority, for example:
  - The time you got pulled over by a police officer
  - The time you were sent to the principal's office in school
  - The time your parents got REALLY upset with you

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

- **Read Genesis 4:1-16.** Cain had a problem with God's authority. On Sunday morning, Pastor Pat shared **five observations about sin**. 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 - Sin must always have its own way (vs. 3-4)**

- A. Cain was religious but not righteous. Are there areas in your life where you find yourself doing enough to get by, but not with the motivation to please God?
- B. When was the last time you pushed hard to have your own way instead of humbly submitting to God?

**#2 - Sin's character is to pounce and destroy (vs. 5-7)**

- A. John Wesley said, "I fear nothing but sin." What do you think it means to have a fear of sin? Do you?
- B. What are some practical ways that you can keep sin outside the door, instead of letting it in?

**#3 - Sin's ultimate act is murder (vs. 8)**

- A. Read James 1:14-15. In the past, what were some of the desires you let grow into sin in your life?
- B. How might it change our view of sin if we truly believed that we are sinning against God? (Psalm 51:4)

**#4 - Sin's typical coverup is defiance (vs. 9)**

- A. When God confronts Cain, he is defiant, just like his parents were. When you are confronted in your sin, do you humbly admit and confess, or do you get defensive or try to cover up your sin?

**#5 - Sin's destination is judgment (vs. 10-13)**

- A. James Boice said, "If we would master sin, we must first be mastered by Him Who mastered it." Are you struggling with consistent sin in your life right now?
- B. How can you be mastered by Christ this week?

**PRAY WITH EACH OTHER (5-15 MINUTES)**

- **Adoration** - Praise God for the blessing of the shed blood of Jesus.
- **Confession** - Admit the selfish desires and dominating sins in your life.
- **Thanksgiving** - Give gratitude for the forgiveness and hope you have in Christ.
- **Supplication** - Pray for others who need to accept the free gift of forgiveness in Jesus.

