

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)

- Ask each person in your group to talk about their relationship with the Bible.
  - What are some reasons that people might not read God's Word consistently?
  - What are the different reading plans or methods used by those in your group?
  - Has anyone in your group been trained in how to make the most of their Bible reading/study?

## APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- This week, your group will practice and apply one method of reading the Bible for life change.
- Begin by reading the passage from Sunday in several different Bible versions, then walk through these four steps of Bible study:

### 1. Observation (What do I see?)

- **The first step is asking questions. Examples:**

- **Who?** Who wrote this passage, and to whom? Who are the people mentioned in this passage? What is said about them?
- **What?** What are some key words or phrases in this passage? What are the action words?
- **Where?** Where do the events of this passage take place?
- **When?** When was this passage written? What is happening in the world at this time?
- **Why?** Why is this story included in the Bible?
- **How?** How does this passage relate to the context? How does God reveal Himself in this passage?
- *Other questions from our group:*

### 2. Interpretation (What does it mean?)

- **Begin to uncover some of the answers, reasons, and meanings behind the observations you made in the first step. Examples:**

- Why did the author use that specific word or phrase in this passage?
- What did the writer mean when he said that?
- What do parallel or similar passages say about this topic?
- *Other questions from our group:*

### 3. Application (How does it apply to me?)

- **Once we have answers, we can begin to ask ourselves how this applies to our lives. Examples:**

- Who do I identify with most in this passage?
- Which phrase in this passage is most meaningful to me? Why?
- What is the author saying about my life or life in general?
- Is there a specific caution, command, or encouragement I need to learn from this passage?
- *Other questions from our group:*

### 4. Implementation (What do I do now?)

- **Come up with a specific plan to practice the Biblical lessons you've uncovered. Examples:**

- Based on this passage, is there a change I need to make in my life this week?
- What is my plan for success in the area I'm lacking in?
- Who will I talk to about the goals I developed as a result of what I read in this passage today?
- *Other questions from our group:*

## PRAY FOR EACH OTHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray specifically that God will cause you to implement what you learned this week.