

The questions below are intended 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)

- A mission statement is a phrase used as a way of communicating the purpose of an organization. It answers the question, "What are we doing here?" As a group, try to come up with a mission statement for each of these organization. Have some fun making one up if you don't know the official statement:
 - John Deere - "We exist to _____."
 - Iowa State University - "We exist to _____."
 - Casey's General Store - "We exist to _____."

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

- A. On Sunday, Pastor Pat unveiled a brand new mission statement for Saylorville Church - **MORE PEOPLE. MORE LIKE JESUS.** How effective is this statement at answering the question, "What is Saylorville Church doing here?" Explain your answer.
- B. A good mission statement is also a filter that separates what is important from what is not. Think through the different activities, events, ministries, programs, etc. that you know happen at Saylorville throughout the year. Talk about how each of these make more people more like Jesus.

Read Colossians 1:24-29:

- In his message, Pastor Pat shared four ways to commit to helping more people be more like Jesus:

#1 - Proclaim the Gospel (Colossians 1:28a)

- A. To "proclaim" means to "make clear, to talk about, to explain to someone else." In just a few sentences, explain the Gospel in your group.
- B. As a group, begin to make a list of people that you would like to talk to about the Gospel this year.

#2 - Speak truth regardless of the outcome (Colossians 1:28b):

- A. Would you rather have someone tell you the truth, even if it isn't comfortable, or keep the truth hidden from you? Can you think of a time when someone has told you something true that you didn't want to hear?
- B. Can you think of examples in the Bible where Jesus spoke the truth, even though it wasn't easy to hear? What do these examples teach us about how to be more like Jesus?

#3 - Commit to wisdom-based discipleship (Colossians 1:28c):

- A. Wisdom is knowing the facts and knowing what to do with them. Talk about a time when someone taught you the facts about a subject, but you didn't know what to do with those facts.
- B. What's the danger we we only learn the facts about Jesus and don't ever respond to those facts?

#4 - Press toward the goal of maturity (Colossians 1:28-29):

- A. According to the Apostle Paul, the goal of all his hard work was to make more people more like Jesus. What would need to change in your life as a spouse, a parent, a sibling, a co-worker, a neighbor, a Cell Group participant, etc. in order for this to be your mission in life?

What is one specific action step you will take to make more people more like Jesus this week?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray that your group will grow to be more like Jesus, and introduce more people to Him.