

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 unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- What do you know about your family history? Where are your ancestors originally from? How did your parents/grandparents grow up? What stories have you heard about your family of origin?
- Were/are any of your family members followers of Jesus? If you're a Christian, does your family know your testimony?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time you met. Anything you need to follow up on as a group?
- **Review** the notes you took on Sunday. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you heard?
- **Read** this week's passage together. In his message, **Pastor Curt asked us to consider who we are taking home with us one day.**

Three Insights About Our Faith And Family:

1. Genuine faith is not the same as emotional love for your family.

- Emotion is not the same as conversion. Tears do not necessarily represent repentance. What's the danger of getting these mixed up?
- Read Matthew 10:35-37. For some of us, following Christ will mean choosing between Jesus and our family. Have you been, or are you in that situation right now? Talk about what that choice might look like in your life.

2. The Lord uses godly family love to influence us for Christ.

- Respond to Pastor Curt's statement: *Salvation is not a reward to the righteous but a gift to the guilty.* What might happen if we forget the truth of this statement? Can you think of passages of Scripture that point to the truth of Pastor Curt's statement?
- Is there someone in your biological or spiritual family that God specifically used to point you to Jesus? What were some of the ways they did that?
- Do you have family members who need you to point them to Jesus? Are you praying for them?

3. Family commitment is a picture of salvation commitment.

- Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. Just as Ruth left her old life and committed to Naomi, Christians leave their former ways and commit to Jesus. How does that describe, or not describe, your faith journey?
- Think about your unsaved family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, etc. What are some of the practical ways your life should be different from theirs? Be honest, are those differences true of your life, or are you living just like people who don't follow Jesus?
- Who are some people you are looking forward to seeing in Heaven? Who do you want to take with you?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Take a few moments as a group to praise God for your physical AND spiritual families.

