

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)**PICK ONE OF THESE OPENING QUESTIONS:**

1. In today's text, we see Ruth taking a giant risk. Would you consider yourself a risk-taker? Talk about some of the greatest risks you've ever taken.
2. If you're married, tell your group the story of how you got engaged to your spouse.

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 Pat reminded us of three portraits of obedience.**

Obedience Is...**1. Obedience is more important than the risk you take**

- How might you fill in this blank? "*God, I'll obey you, as long as you don't ask me to _____.*"
- What risks are you willing to take to share Jesus with your family, friends, coworkers, neighbors? Be honest, is the risk of being ostracized worth it for you?
- Who was the last person with whom you shared your salvation story?
- How does 2 Timothy 4:16-17 give you courage this week?

2. Obedience is more important than accusations you face

- Has your obedience to Jesus produced any opposition in your family, your job, or you friends?
- How have you handled opposition or accusations that have come against you for living for Jesus?
- Are you ever tempted to give up on obeying Jesus just so life would feel easier? How do you think that would turn out in the long run?

3. Obedience is more important than the sacrifices you make

- Pastor Pat said, "Many of you are making real sacrifices - but they aren't for God, they are for you." How do the sacrifices you've made line up with Pastor's statement?
- One of our Saylorville Core Values is Obedience: *We see little as big*. How can you begin taking little steps of obedient sacrifice this week that will one day lead to great Kingdom impact? What little changes will you make with your time, money, attitude, relationships, thoughts, etc.?

What does God see, when He sees, what only He can see - in your life?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray that God will draw you to Himself through little steps of obedience moment by moment.

