Ephesians 1:1-2

The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Community 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)

• Tell your group about the best gifts you've ever received. Are there any of those gifts that you still enjoy today? What are some of the favorite gifts that you've given someone else?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- Review your Sermon Notes together. 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.

A Church that has more people becoming more like Jesus is:

1. Passionately sharing the Gospel (Acts 18:24-25)

- Talk to your group about the person or people who shared the good news of the Gospel with you. How did you respond? What were some of the other circumstances surrounding your salvation?
- Who are some people that you are sharing the Gospel with right now? Pray for them as a group.

2. Deliberately making disciples (Acts 18:26-27)

- Pastor Pat said, "When disciples are producing disciples, you know you're in a church that's in the business of making more people more like Jesus."
- Discipleship is sometimes defined as helping someone else become more like Jesus. Do you have people in your life that are intentionally helping you grow in your faith?
- Are there people that you are specifically working with in order to help them become more like Jesus? (BTW - If you have children, start with them!)

3. See people publicly identifying with Jesus (Acts 19:1-5)

- Explain what you know about the biblical concept of Believers Baptism. Have you been baptized?
- · Other than baptism, how can Christians publicly identify with Jesus on a regular basis?

4. Intentionally evangelizing the world (Acts 19:10)

• Our core value of "Mission" reminds us that we should all "live on the move." Think about the people who you interact with during your regular weekly rhythms. Who are some people you could "move" toward this week with the Gospel? Do you have a plan to do that?

5. Actively engaging in warfare (Acts 19:11-20)

• How often do you think of the Christian life as a battle? What might change if you took seriously the identity of a soldier, putting on the armor of God every day to face spiritual battles?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

• Pray that you and your group would grow to be more like Jesus - and help others do the same - this season by living and learning together each week.

