Ephesians 1:19-23

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)

• Are you a good gift giver? What's the best gift you've ever given someone? What are some of the favorite gifts you've received? What do gifts tell you about the person who gave them?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- Remember what you talked about last time. Is there anything you need to follow up on this week?
- Review your Sermon Notes together. What is one thing that sticks out to you about what you learned?
- Read this week's passage together. In his message, Pastor Jason explained three reasons why
 Jesus is the greatest gift ever.

Three Reasons Why Jesus is the Greatest Gift:

1. Jesus is Alive! (Ephesians 1:20)

- Have you ever had conversations with someone who doesn't believe in the resurrection of Jesus?
 How does the resurrection make Christianity different than other "religions"? How might you describe the importance of the resurrection to your own faith?
- God raised Christ from the dead. What are the big things you're asking God to do in your life right now? Do you really believe He can do those things? How does the resurrection give you hope?

2. Jesus is King Now and Forever (Ephesians 1:20-22)

- How have the events of the last year in your life helped you see that Jesus is ruling and reigning right now? Are there events that have made you doubt whether or not Jesus is on the throne? How do you handle those doubts?
- Review Revelation 20:1-3, 10-11. How does this passage about the future change the way you view temptation and obstacles in your life today?

3. Jesus is God's Gift to the Church (Ephesians 1:22-23)

- During this series, we've unwrapped some amazing gifts go back through vs. 3-14 and highlight some of your favorites.
- What are some practical ways you can see Jesus as God's greatest gift this upcoming week?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

• As a group, praise God for the personal gift of Jesus to each of us. Then, pray that your group will have open eyes and hearts to see Christ as the great gift that He is.

