Ephesians 2:1-3

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 your first job. Who was your employer? What were the best and worst parts of the job? How much did you get paid? What did you do with the money?

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, John pointed us to three realities of those who were (or still are) spiritually dead.

The Spiritually Dead...:

1. Follow the world (Ephesians 2:1-2)

- Martin Lloyd Jones said, "The least effective times in church history are when Christians have a small view of their sin."
 - Do you find it easier to point out sin in the lives of others, or to see sin in your own life?
 - Dream a little as a group what might God do in and through Saylorville Church if each of you remembered how much you have been personally forgiven?
- If you don't know Jesus, you are spiritually dead. The abundant life begins by accepting Jesus as the main story in your life. Have you done that? Tell your group right now if you haven't.

2. Follow Satan (Ephesians 2:2)

- If you're a Christ-follower, you used to follow Satan as your master. Talk about some moments that you remember serving the devil, whether you knew it at the time or not.
- Christians are children of God (John 1:12), but we can still choose to serve Satan with our words, actions, and motivations. What will you do this week when you are tempted to fall back into serving your former master, the devil?

3. Follow their own desires (Ephesians 2:3)

- Does it offend you or convict you to realize that your desires used to be the same as the devil's desires? Read John 8:44 together and respond as a group.
- Explain how your desires have changed now that you are a Christian. Which of your former desires have dissolved or disappeared? Which ones still tempt you today?
- · How's does this passage and message give you hope this week?

You are unable to worship the Savior until you weep over your sin.

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- John said, "When you see your sin for WHAT it is you'll see Jesus for WHO He is!"
 - As a group, confess your sins to God and to each other and then take time to bless Jesus for Who He is together!

