

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](http://www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons).

## CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- Have you ever built a house, remodeled a home, or done some major renovations on a building? How did that project turn out? What were some of the surprises along the way? Did it cost more or less than you anticipate? Did you have a contractor or did you do the work yourself? Would you do it again?
- **When it comes to building THE CHURCH, God has contracted one Person - Jesus Christ!**

## 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 Pat reminded us of three truths for those who are in Christ.**

### If You Are In Christ...:

#### 1. Remember your past (Ephesians 2:11-12)

- Have you ever been excluded from a group, left off the list, or not invited to a party? How did that feel? If you are in Christ, you are no longer alienated or excluded! How does that feel?
- How often do you remember your life before Jesus? Talk to your group about being spiritually without hope and without God. Even if you were saved as a child, you were once far from God.
- Be honest - has there been a time when you know you crossed over from "outside Christ" to "in Christ"? If not, tell your group and allow them to pray for you.

#### 2. Relax in your peace (Ephesians 2:13-18)

- Jews hated Gentiles in Ephesus, but the cross (the Gospel) came to put that hostility to an end. Jesus came to be our peace (vs. 14), make peace (vs. 15), and preach peace (vs. 17). How does Jesus bring peace to the world and to your life today?
- On Sunday morning, we heard some amazing baptism testimonies of men and women who have found peace in Jesus. What are the things in your life that are threatening to dull that peace?

#### 3. Rejoice with your people (Ephesians 2:19-22)

- John 17:20-23 records Jesus' prayer for those who are in Christ. Do you feel "at one" with other Believers in your Community Group? In your church? In the Des Moines Metro?
- Think back on your last few weeks. Have your words, actions, and attitudes been part of unifying Believers, or pulling Believers apart? What are some ways that you can be more unified with men and women who have the same faith as you do?

## PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- As a group, take some time to thank God for placing you in Christ, and for all the blessings that come along with that gift.

