

UNDYING LOVE

Ephesians 6:21-24

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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)

- Andrew talked about these last few verses of Ephesians 6 as some that we might normally just gloss over. Why do you think we sometimes tend to rush through some passages, or even skip over them altogether?

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, **Andrew Bush encouraged us to follow Tychicus - an example of faithfulness and undying love.**

Faithfulness and Undying Love:

1. Tychicus - The Example of Faithfulness

- Tychicus was a friend of the Apostle Paul through some of his most severe trials (**see Acts 20:4**). Think about your own life - who are some people that have been faithful friends to you over the years? How did those friends serve as examples of faithfulness to you specifically?
- Tychicus was faithful to the end (**see 2 Timothy 4:12**). Andrew quoted a friend who wrote, "Twenty years ago, I wanted to change the world. Now I just want to make it to the end having been faithful to Jesus, my family, and my church." How might you respond to that statement?
- Why do you think faithfulness is often overlooked in today's Christian culture?

2. A Call to Undying Love

- We must recognize that love for Jesus is a gift. We cannot force someone to love God (**see Deuteronomy 30:6**). Can you think of a gift that you were given that you were initially excited about, but then lost interest in? How might that tendency creep into understanding of the gift of salvation? Do you ever sense that in your own life?
- How can you cultivate a deep, intimate love for Jesus this week?
- We must keep your armor on. The armor of God isn't simply an accessory, it is a collection of essential equipment for the Christian's battle. How do you see the armor of God after studying Ephesians 6 over these last several weeks?
- Look back over **Ephesians 6:10-20** and highlight the individual pieces of armor. Are there specific pieces that you tend to think you don't need? Why do you think that way? How will you intentionally focus on these pieces of armor in the next few days?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray that you, and those in your group, will be examples of faithfulness and undying love - like Tychicus.

