

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

- Have you ever been locked in a room, trapped in a car, or gone to an Escape Chamber? What was it like to feel like you couldn't get to freedom?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Review** the notes you took on Sunday. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you heard?
- **Read** Exodus 1:1-22. In his message, Pastor Pat gave us **five characteristics of the Book of Exodus**.

1. Exodus is a God-centered book

- a. What are some characteristics of a God-centered life? Brainstorm with your group.
- b. Be honest: what are some areas that you could personally have a more God-centered life? How can this Cell Group family help you move that direction?

2. Exodus is a Christ-centered book (Luke 24:27)

- a. As a group, talk about the different pictures we see of Jesus in the Old Testament (E.g., the ark, the lamb, the tabernacle, etc.).
- b. Which picture is your favorite? Why? Thank God this week for that picture of Jesus!

3. Exodus is a worship-centered book (Exodus 9:1)

- a. Our Gospel core value states: *Jesus rescued me from eternal life, so I will live my life on earth for Him*. Do you think it's possible to be a Christian without living for Jesus? Why, or why not?
- b. Tell your group how you are serving right now at Saylorville. How have you grown to be more like Jesus through serving him? If you're not serving right now, why not start this week?

4. Exodus is a drama-filled book (Exodus 1:8-22)

- a. All of our lives have drama. How do you handle life when it gets busy, stressful, or crazy?
- b. This week, how can you turn that drama into opportunities to point yourself and others to Jesus?

5. Exodus is a hope-filled book (Exodus 3:7-8)

- a. Exodus 3:7-8 shows us that God *sees your hurt, hears your cries, knows your plight, will come to your aid, and will deliver you from your dilemma*. Which of these means the most to you right now? Why?
- b. Who is someone outside of your group that you could share hope with this week?

The power by which God would free His people enslaved in Egypt is the same power by which He will set you free.

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Consider praying something like this: God, thank you for sending Jesus to die and to be raised so that we might have freedom. Forgive me for allowing myself to act like I'm still in bondage to my sin.

