

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)

- Tell your group about two or three events that have significantly changed your life (E.g., your wedding day, graduation, birth of a child, car accident, etc.)
- When those events happen, did you see them as allowed by God? How so?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last week. Anything you need to follow up on as a group?
- **Review** the notes you took on Sunday. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you heard?
- **Read** Exodus 2:1-10. In his message, Pastor Pat gave us **four keys to the providence of God**.

Sovereignty is God's rule over all things.

Providence is God's working out the circumstances that bring about His sovereign will.

1. The providence of God uses natural circumstances to bring about His will

- a. What are some circumstances that you may have attributed to fate, luck, or just life - but were actually allowed by God? What changes when we see life through the lens of providence?
- b. Pause for a moment and share with your group how you might look for God's providence in everyday scenarios. How can you remind each other to do that more often this week?

2. The providence of God often begins with a baby

- a. If you have children, what are some of the ways you pray for them? If you don't have children, who are some people that have prayed for you over the years? Have you thanked God for them?
- b. We can't make children perfect, but we do have a responsibility to kids - whether our own or others'. How are you right now helping more children learn to be more like Jesus?

3. The providence of God turns evil into good (Exodus 2:9)

- a. In Genesis 50:20, Joseph concludes his life story. Read the verse, and then summarize what Joseph is talking about in this passage.
- b. How could Joseph's story (and the story of others like Moses) change the way you see your own life circumstances?

4. The providence of God will comfort you when life doesn't (Exodus 2:10)

- a. Sometimes it's easier to believe that God is sovereign (God's rule over all things) than God's providence (God's directing in our personal lives). Which is easier for you? Why?
- b. As a group, talk about the areas of your lives right now in which you are being asked to trust in the providence of God?

Romans 8:28 - And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray that God will give you eyes to see His providence, and hearts to follow His purpose.

