

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.

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

- How are you like one of your parents?
- Talk about ways that you have been influenced by your father, or a man who was like a father to you.
- If you have children, and they wrote a book about your life, what would it be titled?

**APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)****Intro:**

- **Read Genesis 12:1-4.** This week's message focuses on the faith of Abraham as Pastor Pat reminds us of five encouraging truths from Abraham's call and response.
- What is your **one thing** from Sunday? What stuck out to you about what you heard (a new idea, an application, an illustration, a challenge, a question, or a new way of thinking)?

**#1 - Not everyone God calls comes with tons of "baggage"**

- A. Even though Abraham didn't seem to have much earthly baggage when God first called him, he was still lost spiritually - without a relationship with God. If you are a follower of Jesus, take a minute to tell your group what your life was like before God called you.
- B. How might you respond to someone who says, "God could never love me. I have too much baggage."

**#2 - Everyone who gets God's call gets God's promise**

- A. Read John 6:40. Together with your group share a one-word response to the promise in this verse.
- B. On Sunday, Pastor Pat said, "If you take care of God's fame, God will take care of your name." Do you think most people you know would agree with that? Why or why not?

**#3 - God's promise perfects imperfect faith**

- A. Abraham didn't have perfect faith. Can you give one or two examples of times when you've had imperfect faith?
- B. Even though none of us is perfect, each day is a new opportunity to be more like Jesus. George Morrison wrote, "The victorious life is a series of new beginnings." What are some "new beginnings" God has given you recently?

**#4 - God blesses us so that we might bless others**

- A. Proverbs 11:25 reminds us that we've been blessed to be a blessing. Who do you know that is a dispenser of blessing, not a receptacle of blessing? How can you follow that example this week?

**#5 - When God chose Abraham He had you in mind**

- A. Galatians 3:8-9 says, "...Those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith." Today, during your group's prayer time, praise God for the blessings He has given you.

**PRAY WITH EACH OTHER (5-15 MINUTES)**

- Simply complete this prayer out loud, "God, I want to praise you for the blessing of \_\_\_\_\_."

