

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

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

- Talk about a time when you got lost as a child, or, as a parent, if you couldn't find one of your children.
- If you're a Christian, God is always with you. Does that frighten or encourage you? Why?

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

- **Read** Genesis 20 together. In the message on Sunday, Pastor Pat encouraged us with **six ways to live Coram Deo this year**.
- Pastor Pat's definition of Coram Deo: *To have a constant sense of God's presence, maintaining an ongoing look for His leading and cultivating a willingness to change for His glory.*
- Look back at the notes you took on Sunday. What is **one thing** that sticks 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 - By Starting Every Day With God (Proverbs 2:1-5)**

- A. Looking back over 2017, who/what did you look to for wisdom when you needed answers?
- B. What is your plan at the beginning of this year to start every day getting wisdom from God's Word?

**#2 - By Regularly Sitting Or Kneeling Before God (2 Corinthians 3:18)**

- A. How does your prayer life reflect your view of the presence of God?
- B. What are the major distractions in your life to spending quality time in God's presence? What will you do this year to intentionally minimize those distractions?

**#3 - By Living Throughout Your Day Aware Of God (Psalm 16:8)**

- *Charles Spurgeon once said, "I never go 10 minutes without an awareness of God."*

  - A. What are the items you take with you every time you leave the house? What happens if you don't take one of those things with you?
  - B. What are some of the benefits of having a constant awareness of God's presence through the day? What are the dangers of losing that awareness?

**#4 - By Making Changes That Glorify God (1 Corinthians 10:31)**

- A. What are some changes you would like to make in your life this year?
- B. How will you make sure that the motivation for those changes is God's glory ("Thy will be done") and not your own glory ("My will be done")?

**#5 - By Raising Your Family For God (Deuteronomy 4:9)**

- *Your children hear your words, but they will follow your passions.*

  - A. If you're a parent, do your children see that you are passionate about being more like Jesus? What are some ways you can try to do that intentionally this year?

**#6 - By Giving Your Feelings To God (Proverbs 28:26)**

- A. What place do feelings have in the life of a Christian trying to be more like Jesus? (**Hint:** What place did feelings have in Jesus' life?)

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

- Pray Psalm 100 together, remembering that our lives exist to point ourselves and others to Him!