

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)

- **ACTIVITY:** Move some furniture around, or set up a few “obstacles” in your living room. Choose someone from your group to be blindfolded. Ask him to try to make his way from one part of the room/house to another without any guidance from anyone else in the group. Then, still blindfolded, make him walk through the same path again, but this time let someone else in the group lead him by the hand or with vocal instructions. Do this with two or three more people in your group.
- **ASK:** How did it feel when you were blindfolded? Was it easier to rely on your memory, or to be led by someone else to get around the obstacles? Did you ever feel like your leader was giving you bad directions? How does this activity illustrate life sometimes?

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

- **Read** Genesis 24 together. In the message on Sunday, Pastor Pat walked us through two important passages that both deal with **discovering and following God’s will**.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)

As for me, being on the way, the Lord led me. Genesis 24:27 (NKJV)

#1: “As For Me” - God’s Leading Is Personal

- God has a plan for the world, and for your life. How does it make you feel to know that God has a personal, specific will for you?
- Be honest - what do you lean on first when you need help making a decision? A friend? A family member? Social media? Etc. Why do you think that’s true?
- Are there times when you wish you had turned to God first? How does that change the way you make decisions in the future?

#2: “Being On The Way” - God’s Leading Is A Process

- Talk about some choices you are faced with right now.
- Are the decisions you are making right now showing people around you (friends, co-workers, your children, etc.) that you trust more in God’s leading or in your own understanding?
- If God is sovereign (He knows and He cares), what might He be teaching you through this process?

#3: “The Lord Led Me” - God’s Leading Has A Payoff

- *Genesis 24:58 records Rebekah’s answer when her family asked if she would follow Abraham’s servant back to Isaac to be his wife. She replies simply, “I will go.”*
- Are there areas of your life where you can clearly see God leading you in a specific direction? Are you following His leading, or are you resisting? Explain your answer.
- How have you become more like Jesus by following God’s leading in the past?

PRAY WITH EACH OTHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray for wisdom for small, and big, decisions that you and your group will be faced with this week.

