

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)

As a group talk about the things you want to be remembered for. If you could pick, what would you want the epitaph on your tombstone to say?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

Intro:

- 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)?
- **Read** Genesis 25:1-11 together. In the message on Sunday, Pastor Pat walked us through four realities regarding death:

#1: Death Comes to All of Us

- God reminds us that death is sure and He knows the exact number of our days. (Job 14:5) Does this bring you peace or discomfort? What can you do this week to be at peace with death?
- Pastor Pat told us about the Roman Triumph parades where a slave would constantly whisper into the conquering general's ears "remember, you are mortal." What are some of the reminders that you are mortal? How do you respond to those reminders?

#2: Death Brings Family Together

- Are there friends or family in your life that you are estranged with? Have you sought to be at peace with them, as far as it depends on you? (Romans 12:18)
- Why would you wait until someone dies to seek reconciliation? What can you do right now to take steps towards peace?

#3: Death Brings Blessing to the Next Generation

- Pastor Pat said this yesterday: "When God buries a worker, He intends the work to go on." What are you doing right now that can help leave a legacy when you are gone? What needs to be improved?
- Have you been around the blessing of the Gospel for a long time, but never accepted it? Are there areas of your life where you have agreed with your head, but not with your heart?

#4: Death Brings People to God

- As Christians, we have the hope of being with God when we die. Does your life indicate that you have a hope that you'll wake up in heaven with Jesus someday?
- How often do you think about Heaven? (Hebrews 11:10) How can the thought of being with Jesus in the future change how you live right now?
- Pastor Pat talked about how Christopher Hitchens, an avowed atheist, once said this about the gospel: "I'll admit, it isn't without appeal to a dying man." We are all dying. What have you done with the gospel? Will you recline at the table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob one day? Consider having someone share a testimony of how they were able to have peace with God.

PRAY WITH EACH OTHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray for reconciliation in the interpersonal relationships of those in your group.
- Pray for friends, family, or loved ones who aren't ready to die because they don't know Jesus.

