

The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Community 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)

- When it comes to the Christmas season, what are some ways that your perspective has changed over the years? Are there parts of the Christmas season you enjoy more or less now that you're not a child anymore? What's "bigger" about Christmas now that you're an adult?
- **When it comes to Jesus, we can't make Him any bigger than He is, but we can see Him as greater the longer we follow Him.**

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time. Is there anything you need to **follow up** on this week?
- **Review** your Sermon Notes together. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you learned?
- **Read** this week's passage together. In his message, **Pastor Pat challenged us to magnify Jesus by seeing Him in three different ways.**

To make Jesus bigger, we need to...:

1. See Him *Before* Time

A. As the One Who holds everything together (Colossians 1:17)

- *Jesus holds the universe together. What are some parts of your life that you struggle to believe He can hold together?*

B. As side by side with (Father) God

- *Jesus is face to face with God right now, and He's promised to be with you always (Matthew 28:20b). Be honest, does it encourage you or convict you that Jesus is with you right now and always?*

C. As eternally existing with (Father) God

- *Read Jude 24-25. How does this passage increase your view of Jesus?*

D. As God Himself

- *Compare John 8:58-59a with Exodus 3:13-14 and make several observations as a group.*

2. See Him *In* Time

A. As (Father) God's ultimate communication (Hebrews 1:1-2)

- *Since Jesus is God's Word to the world, what do we learn about God when we look at Jesus' life and teaching?*

B. As He became human (Philippians 2:6-8a)

- *How do you respond to Pastor Pat's statement, "At His incarnation Jesus didn't become less than God. He became more than God. He became God-Man."*

3. See Him For *All* Time (John 3:16)

- *Which of these four applications of John 3:16 do you need to grow in this season?*

A. Trust in Him in time and for all time (2 Corinthians 6:2)

B. Obey Him in time and for all time (John 14:21)

C. Love Him in time and for all time (1 Peter 1:8)

D. Worship Him in time and for all time (Revelation 5:13)

"Nobody who catches even the faintest glimpse of this God walks up to him with a swagger or away from him with a yawn." - Adam Ramsey, "Truth on Fire"

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Take some time to confess the things that prevent you from seeing Jesus as bigger and bigger, and commit together to magnify Jesus this Christmas season.

