

## THE HEART OF THE GOSPEL (MISSIONS CONFERENCE)

Various Passages

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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)

- Take a few minutes to talk about the Missions Conference with your group.
  - What were your highlights? How did God challenge you? Which missionaries were you able to connect with?

### 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** the notes you took on Sunday. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you heard?

**Romans 3:22-25 (New Living Translation)** - *We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood.*

#### 1. Theological Realities of the Gospel (Romans 3:22-25)

1. Why do we need to be made right with God? (Check out Romans 5:12 for some context)
2. How are we specifically made right with God? (Ephesians 2:8-9)
3. If you're comfortable doing so, tell your group about your faith journey. When did you "believe that Jesus sacrificed his life..."?

**Romans 8:1 (English Standard Version)** - *There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

#### 2. Practical Realities of the Gospel (Romans 8:1)

1. On Sunday morning, Lucas said, "The Gospel declares that I am loved by God unconditionally and completely." How does that truth make you feel? What can you do to respond to that truth?
2. Describe someone who's life is defined by the Gospel. Talk about his/her schedule, finances, work ethic, community, family, social media, habits, etc.

**Romans 9:1-3 (English Standard Version)** - *I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh.*

#### 3. Emotional Realities of the Gospel (Romans 9:1-3)

1. Have you experienced a time in your life when your heart has broken for people who don't know Jesus? How did you respond to that hurt?
2. Who is someone in your life that isn't yet a follower of Jesus? How might you invest in their life this week in order to point them to Jesus?

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

- As a group:
  - **Pray** for a broken heart for friends, family, co-workers, classmates, etc. who don't know Jesus.
  - **Repent** of the ways your hearts might have grown callous toward lost people heading to hell.
  - **Ask** God for opportunities and open doors to share the love of Jesus.

