

THE CUP

Matthew 26:36-46

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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)

- Do you have different kinds of cups in your home? What do they look like? Where did you get them? How are they the same or different? What are the different cups use for?
- Make sure everybody in your group has a cup in front of them as you have your discussion this week.

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 taught us about the metaphor of the Cup in Scripture, and reminded us of the Cup that Jesus drank for us.**

The Cup:

1. A Cup of Sorrow (Matthew 26:38)

- *The pressure on Jesus' soul was tremendous in that moment - so much that He sweat drops of blood (Luke 22:44).* What are some of the greatest soul sorrows that you have right now? What does it mean for you to know that Jesus knows your sorrow, feels your sorrow, and will one day alleviate your sorrow? Lay down those sorrows before Him together as a group right now!

2. A Cup of Sin/Wrath (Psalm 75:8 and Revelation 14:9-10)

- *In Jesus' suffering, He drank the wrath of God completely.* How might it change the way you understand your own salvation if you realized that Jesus took on all of God's wrath for you?

3. A Cup of Separation (Matthew 26:39 and 27:46)

- *Jesus asked for the cup of separation to be taken from Him, if at all possible.* How can you personally be more like Jesus in the way He responded to the cup NOT being taken from Him?

4. A Cup of Substitution (Matthew 26:27-28 and 1 Corinthians 15:3)

- *Jesus drank the cup because we could't. He died for you (on behalf of, in the place of).* Be honest - what are some of the big, and small, sins that put Jesus on the cross for you personally? Are those sins worth it to you?

5. A Cup of Salvation (Psalm 116:12-13)

- *Jesus drank all of these cups so that you might have salvation.* If you've accepted Christ as your Savior, respond verbally to this truth with just one sentence. If you haven't yet become a Christian, what is stopping you from doing that today?

6. A Cup of Satisfaction (Psalm 23:5-6 and 1 John 2:1-2)

- *We can be satisfied in Jesus because His death and resurrection satisfied God's wrath.* What are some habits or rhythms that you will put in place this Easter season to be sure you find your satisfaction in Jesus?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray that this week, you and your group would worship - surrender the moment - just like Jesus did.

