

MAKING JESUS LARGE

Philippians 1:19-26

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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.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- What was your favorite subject/class in middle school? Why? Talk about some memories you have of that class, your teacher, or your classmates.
- Can you relate to Pastor Brad's story of looking through a microscope for the first time? Do you remember what was on the slide? What was your reaction to what you saw?

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?
- **Read** Philippians 1:19-26. Pastor Brad showed us four ways we can make Jesus large.

1. We make Christ large by living with Him at the center (vs. 21a)

1. What's at the center of your life? How can you tell? Do some self-evaluation:
 1. What do you worry about the most?
 2. What do you want people to know about you when you first meet them?
 3. What do you get angry about if you can't have it?
 4. What do you post about most often on social media?
2. Paul wanted to live his life for Christ. If someone were to write a book about you, how would you want the author to complete this sentence about your life? He/she lived for _____.

2. We make Christ large by dying with anticipation (vs. 21-23)

1. Explain Paul's dilemma in vs. 21-23. What would it take for you to personally feel the same tension that Paul did in these verses?
2. Respond to Pastor Brad's quote, "If you're not crazy about Jesus now, you'll hate heaven."

3. We make Christ large by living for the benefit of others (vs. 24-26)

1. If you're not dead yet, God's not done with you yet. If you were to make a bucket list of how you want to help others before you die, what would be on that list?
2. Think about your personal daily routine, interactions with people, and opportunities to influence. How might you use what God has given you to *make more people more like Jesus* this week?

4. We make Christ large by living with confidence in the present and the future (vs. 19)

1. Can you say for sure that you'll spend eternity in heaven? What are some favorite passages of Scripture that give you confidence in your heavenly future?
2. Using just one or two words, tell your group what you're looking forward to most about heaven.

PRAY WITH EACH OTHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray that your group will live to make Jesus large in every area of your lives (marriage, parenting, friendships, school, relationships, work, online interactions etc.).

MEMORIZE FOR NEXT TIME

- *Philippians 1:21 - "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."*

