

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 are some tough questions that you've been asked by a child? How did you answer them?
- Explain these concepts as if you were trying to help a child understand:
 - Gravity
 - The internet
 - How airplanes fly

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 1:27-30. Pastor Brad showed us four ways we can live worthy of the gospel together.
 - **Before we can know how to live worthy of the gospel, we must know what the gospel is.**
 - Explain the gospel as if you were trying to help a child understand.
 - What are some key Bible verses you would use? (E.g., 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, Romans 10:9-14, John 3:16)
- 1. We can live worthy of the gospel together by being united in purpose (vs. 27)**
 1. On Sunday, Pastor Brad reminded us to stand firm in the essential truths, but stay loose in the non-essentials. As followers of Jesus, what are some essential truths that we can be united on?
 2. How do you decide if an issue is essential or non-essential? HINT: The key is at the end of vs. 27.
 - 2. We can live worthy of the gospel together by being united in labor (vs. 27b)**
 1. The Apostle Paul wanted to hear that the Philippian Christ-followers were "standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel."
 1. Take a few minutes to talk about how you see Saylorville church laboring for the gospel?
 2. What are some ways we could do better at this?
 - 3. We can live worthy of the gospel together by being united in courage (vs. 28)**
 1. Can you think of areas in your life where you feel like you're lacking courage? If you're comfortable doing so, share a few of those with your group.
 2. How might a healthy view of God give you courage this week?
 - 4. We can live worthy of the gospel together by being united in heartache (vs. 29-30)**
 1. How can your personal suffering actually draw you closer to Christ and to others?
 2. Can you think of examples of people who have shown you how to "live worthy of the gospel" through their suffering? How might you follow their example this week and beyond?

PRAY WITH EACH OTHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray that your group will **love** the gospel and **live** worthy of the gospel this week.

MEMORIZE FOR NEXT TIME

- *Philippians 1:27-28a - "Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents."*

