

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)

- An impression is an attempt at imitating another person's speech or actions, especially in order to make people laugh. Who in your group can do the best impression of:
 - Queen Elizabeth
 - President Trump
 - A country music artist
 - One of the Saylorville Pastors
- Who are some people that you look up to, or that you are imitating in your life right now?
- Are there people that are imitating you? What are they doing that tells you they are copying you?

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 2:19-24. In his message, Pastor Brad gave us two reasons that we should look up to Timothy.

1. We should look up to Timothy as our model of genuine care (vs. 19-21)

1. Instead of applauding Timothy's great skills or gifts, Paul commends his character. Be honest - would you rather be known as a person with great talents, or great love for others? Why?
2. Caring for others takes our minds off ourselves. What are some of the consequences of living without compassion for others?
3. Someone has said, "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." Why do you think most of us usually want to prove how much we know first?
4. How caring would someone be if they imitated the way you care for people?

2. We should look up to Timothy as our model of proven faithfulness (vs. 22-23)

1. The church in Philippi would have been excited to hear that Timothy was coming to visit. How would they have reacted if they heard you were coming? What makes you say that?
2. Faithfulness is obedience over the long haul. Does it frustrate you or encourage you to know that God is more concerned with your progress than your perfection? Why?
3. Read 1 Timothy 4:15 - Since practice leads to progress, what are some of the regular ways that you are practicing faithfulness (spiritual disciplines, etc.)?
4. How faithful would someone be if they imitated the way you have been obedient over the long haul?

PRAY WITH EACH OTHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Matthew Harmon said, "The most powerful form of teaching is content not only explained but beautifully illustrated."
- Pray that your group will live in ways that illustrate the beauty of the gospel.

MEMORIZE FOR NEXT TIME

- *Philippians 2:19-20* - "I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare."

