

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 one or two things you would say you are passionate about? What gets you really excited? What are you zealous about? Write down the list your group comes up with.

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time you met. Anything you need to follow up on as a group?
- **Review** the notes you took on Sunday. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you heard?
- **Read** Titus 1:1-4. In his message, Pastor Pat gave us **four passions for Saylorville Church in 2020**.

God is calling Saylorville Church:**1. To develop servant leaders (Titus 1:1)**

- a. Paul tells Titus that Jesus gave Himself so that we might be “zealous for good works.” Look at your list from the opening question above. What are some of the passions of your group that could be considered “good works?” Would you add anything/subtract anything from your list now?
- b. Paul described himself several times as both a servant and a leader. Why are both important? Can you remember a time you served without being thanked? Have you lead well in a situation without being recognized? How did that feel?
- c. If we are trying to be more like Jesus, how can we serve like Jesus did during this next week?

2. To know, grow, and show our faith (Titus 1:1b-2a)

- a. Titus 2:10 says that we can “adorn the doctrine of God.” Adornment draws attention to something. How does knowing Jesus, growing in Him, and showing Him to others draw attention to God?
- b. Paul is reminding Titus to show others how to live in a way that magnifies God. If you’ve been a Christ-follower for a while, how are you still getting better at showing people how great God is?

3. To point one another to God (Titus 1:2)

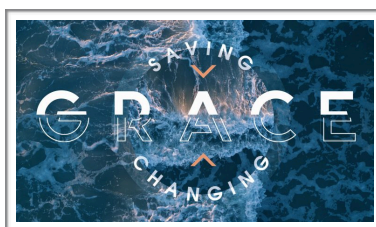
- a. Pastor Pat said, “God’s people point God’s people to God.” Is that true of you personally? Of your Cell Group? Are you pointing other people to God? Or do you point them to other books, medicine, psychology, culture, etc.?
- b. Check out the lyrics to the song, “**How Firm A Foundation**” on the next page. Which of the lines or phrases stick out to you as personally meaningful? Why?

4. To affirm the power of preaching the Word (Titus 1:3)

- a. If you listen to a 30-minute message on Sunday morning, that accounts for only .3% of your whole week. Other than hearing the weekly preaching, how are you absorbing the Word of God every week? Are there ways you’d like to affirm and apply the Bible more in this new year?
- b. What are some areas that you’ve been changed by God’s Word over the last year? Are there areas of you life in which you’ve resisted God’s Word? How will this year be different?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Praise God for the grace of God that has the power to change lives!



How Firm A Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word
What more can He say than to you He hath said
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

Fear not, I am with thee; oh be not dismayed
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand

When through the deep waters I call thee to go
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress

When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie
My grace all sufficient shall be thy supply
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to its foes
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.