

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](http://www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons).

**CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)**

- Who are some people that have influenced you to be more like Jesus recently? What are some common characteristics of those who have influenced people in our Cell Group?

**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 1:5-9. In his message, Pastor Pat reviewed **qualifications of Elders in the Church**.

**NOTE: The terms Elder/Bishop/Pastor refer to the same position (1 Peter 5:3).**

- As an *elder* his life and experience are an example to the flock .
- As a *shepherd* he's feeding himself while he's feeding his flock.
- As an *overseer* he's watching his own life as well as the flock.

**Qualifications of an Elder/Bishop/Pastor:****1. Must be right in his heart (Titus 1:5-9)**

- a. The term "above reproach" means that accusations against him don't stick. While Pastor's should be real and authentic, he should not be known for the things he's accused of. How have you seen that to be true of the leaders at Saylorville?
- b. Whether you are an Elder or not, are you personally living an "above reproach" life?

**2. Must be right in his home (Titus 1:5-9)**

- a. What does it look like for a Pastor to be a one-woman-man? What would it look like if the opposite was true?
- b. How have you seen Pastors manage (not control) their children? How does that translate into how they help manage the family of Saylorville Church?

**3. Must be right in his habits (Titus 1:7-8)**

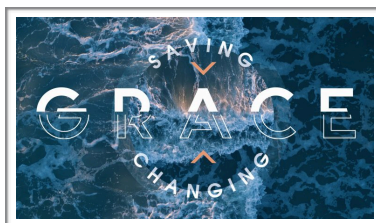
- a. An Overseer should not be arrogant or self-willed. What kind of dangers could arise if the church is lead by arrogant Elders?
- b. Pastors should not be characterized as drunk, violent, or greedy. On the other hand, they must be hospitable, love good, and be disciplined. Do you know your Pastors well enough to know if they are right in their habits?

**4. Must be right in his head (Titus 1:9)**

- a. If you were to create a list of characteristics of great preaching, where would "Biblically accurate and compelling" fall? How would you explain the preaching at Saylorville to your neighbors?
- b. As a Christ-follower, is your life and language characterized as "Biblically accurate and compelling?" How can you align your life more closely to Scripture this week?

**PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)**

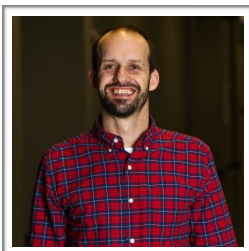
- Use the next page to pray specifically for each of our Saylorville Elders and staff team.



## **Pray For Your Pastors**



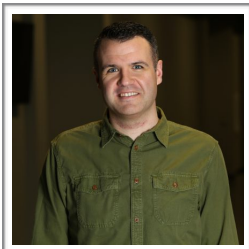
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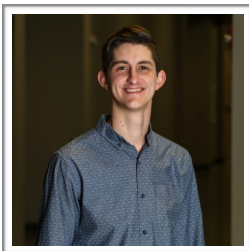
**Administrative Pastor:** Abe and Jessie Miller (Isaac, Claire, Madalyn, Zeke, Lucy)



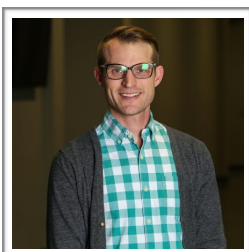
**Counseling Pastor:** Curt and Karen De Graaff



**Music Ministries Pastor:** Paul and Stephanie Seymour (Chloe, Isaiah, Shiloh, Naomi, Joelle)



**Youth Ministries Pastor:** Jerrod and Alyssa Leonard (Adrianna, Kenlee)



**Discipleship Pastor:** Jason and Meredith Jackson (Judah)

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