

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)

- What are some of the benefits of being part of a family? What are some reasons you love being part of YOUR family?
- How is the local church like a family?

## 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 3:8-11, 14. In his message, Pastor Pat reminded us of several instructions for the church.

## INTRO:

- Have you ever heard of “Church Discipline”? What comes to mind when you hear that phrase?
- Pastor reminded us of two important aspects of church discipline:
  - a. In church discipline we don’t discipline the person for sin, we discipline them for **refusing to repent** of their sin. Why is this distinction important?
  - b. In church discipline we address the matter of the **degree of sin**. Have you ever thought about the fact that there are degrees of sin?

## Two kinds of church discipline:

- The goal of both kinds of discipline is always that God is glorified and the church is purified.
  - a. **A gradual process** as laid out by Jesus (Matthew 18:15-17). If someone in sin continues to resist, the pressure increases until the unrepentant sinner is put out of the church and considered a “heathen” or a lost person. How does this process reveal the way God loves sinners?
  - b. **A radical extraction** as laid out by Paul (1 Corinthians 5:1-2). In cases of scandalous, church-threatening sin, it is sometimes necessary to immediately remove the unrepentant sinner. Why do you think it’s important to remove some people quickly?

## What should we do with divisive Christians?

- a. Read verses 9 and 10 again and talk with your group about what Paul says we should do with Christians who cause division in the family of Jesus? What’s at risk if we don’t do those things?
- b. How can Cell Groups be on the front lines of care and correction in the church?

## How do you need to respond to what you just talked about?

- a. If you’re a member, have you thanked God for the protection of your membership?
- b. If you’re a Christian, but not a member, what might you be missing out on?
- c. If you’re a Christian living in unrepentant sin, what should you do based on this passage?
- d. If you’re not a Christian, why not give your life to Jesus and join the family of God today?

## PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Praise God that we are better together in the local church.
- Pray that we will resist sin in our own lives, confront sin in the lives of others, and confess sins to one another.

