Ephesians 5:1-14

The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Community 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)

• Pastor Pat said that he used to tell his children, "Remember whose you are" before they left for school each morning. What are some phrases that you remember your parents saying often? If you have kids, what are some phrases you find yourself repeating often?

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 your Sermon Notes together. What is one thing that sticks out to you about what you learned?
- Read this week's passage together. In his message, Pastor Pat encouraged followers of Jesus to live out three characteristics of attractive Christians.

To Be An Attractive Christian:

1. Remember Whose You Are (Ephesians 5:1-2)

- Paul begins this passage by encouraging us to be "imitators of God." Our Saylorville mission statement is to make "More People More Like Jesus." How are you more like Jesus than you were a week ago, a month ago, or a year ago?
- What are some smells that remind you of childhood? Paul says that our lives should smell good to God and others, like a sacrifice in the Old Testament. Read 2 Corinthians 2:15 together. What do you think you smell like to God?
- How does your life draw others to God? Does the "scent" you put off attract others to Jesus or do they plug their nose when you are around?

2. Remember Whose You Were (Ephesians 5:3-7)

- Read verses 3-7 together and pick out the characteristics that "shouldn't be named" among followers of Jesus. Which of those do you struggle with most right now?
- Read 1 John 3:8-9 and talk about the warning and the hope that is explained in this passage. If
 you are a Believer, how might you personally need to adjust your thoughts, actions, and
 language? Ask your Community Group to keep you accountable this week!

3. Remember What You Are (Ephesians 5:8-14)

- Pastor Pat said, "You will never truly appreciate who you are in Christ unless you remember who you were without Him." In just a few words, tell your group who you were before Jesus found you.
- · Christians are "children of light" here's how:
 - We grow fruit that is good, right, and true. Is the fruit of your life healthy or rotten?
 - We discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Are you living to please yourself or the Lord?
 - We expose the unfruitful works of darkness. Do lost people around you know that you are a Believer?
 - We attract people to the gospel. When was the last time someone asked you why you are different?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

Pray that you (individually and as a group) will live in a way that is attractive to the lost world this week!

