

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.

WANT MORE CONTEXT AND COMMENTARY?

- Check out this free **Verse-by-Verse Bible Commentary**, available through www.StudyLight.org.
- Watch an **overview video of the Book of James**, available from www.BibleProject.com.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- Do you know someone who once followed Jesus closely but has since wandered away from the faith? If you're able, share the name of that person with your group right now and take time to pray for each of those people before you dig in to the discussion today.

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 challenged us to help wanderers return to Christ, and to return to Christ if we are wandering.**

INTRODUCTION:

- Pastor Pat said, "The only difference between an unsaved person and a wandering Christian is that one is going to Heaven while the other is going to Hell." How is this actually a strong argument for the grace of God?
- Tell your group about a time when you "wandered" away from the Lord. Revelation 2:4-5 gives three directives to the wanderer: *remember* where you came from, *repent* of your sins, and *return* to the Godward life you once lived. Which of these three are the most meaningful to you? Why?
- According to 1 Corinthians 11:30, what are some potential consequences of spiritual wandering? How might that impact the way you view your relationship with Jesus this week?

Pursue the Wanderer...

1. With prayers (Luke 18:1)

- Why do we pray for those who are wandering? Have you been praying for the person you mentioned at the beginning of your meeting today? If not, will you commit to doing that?

2. With pleas (Zechariah 1:3)

- What is God's promise to those who come back to Him? Have you ever been the wanderer that someone pleaded with to return? How has God fulfilled His promise to you?

3. With purpose (James 5:19-20)

- What's your plan for helping a wanderer in your life return to Christ this week?

Receive and Respond: What will I do because of what I just heard?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray for the wanderers in your life, and pray that you will stay close to Christ yourself.

