

This guide is intended to help you be better prepared to engage in making disciples in your small group. They are based off of the Sunday sermon listed in the top right corner. If you missed Sunday, make sure you take the time to listen to the sermon before your small group meeting. You can find the messages on our website.

Prayerfully considering these questions will help equip you to practice mutual ministry with your family at Vertical. While it's not likely that all of these questions will be asked during your small group meeting, we believe that your personal walk with Christ will be strengthened as you meditate upon the truths that God is teaching you through His Word.

1. Compare and contrast Saul and David. What do you learn about the Lord's heart towards repentance? Are you regularly practicing repentance?
2. How has your belief about the work of the Holy Spirit changed as a result of God's Word preached?
3. What do you think about the statement "You are better off without Jesus' physical presence on earth?" Do you really believe this is true? Why or why not?
4. Point #2 was "cooperate with the Spirit's desires" - Joe said that we need to identify all known causes of rebellion to God; confess and repent. Where are you walking in rebellion and opposition to the Spirit? What would cooperation look like? Confess this to the Lord and to the group and practice repentance
5. Do you believe that once you have been sealed by the Spirit, you can never be unsealed? Which verse/s cause you to believe this?
6. Jesus instructs His disciples on the work of the Holy Spirit in John 16:5 - 15. Share how you are experiencing this work in your life presently. What's an area of your life that you need to realign to be in step with the Spirit?
7. How does one forfeit the power, but not the presence of the Holy Spirit? Do you live in an awareness of grieving and/or quenching the Holy Spirit?