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. Reflect on the 3 parts of our Ephesians series: "I am who God says that I am," "My Life is Now Different," and "Stand Firm." Share how the Lord has worked in your heart through the book of Ephesians.

2. Joe said that independence is death to a Christian and to the church. Share a time when you tried to live the Christian life alone. What were the results?

3. Why is it so important that we share our lives with other Christians? Are you an open book with other believers, or do you try to hide things and deal with them on your own?

4. Which of the "5 SG Decisions" do you want to make a personal goal to do better at? How can we help?

5. Do you find yourself viewing small group as a place to pour yourself out for others, or have others pour into you? What should our attitude be about this and why?

6. If we're going to grow in Christ-likeness, we need to Be humble, faithful, available, and teachable. Which of these areas needs the most improvement for you?

7. Paul himself was pressing on to maturity and wanting the church to press on in peace, faith, and love. Describe a teachable person. Share a time when you were teachable when doing life with other believers.

8. What are you busy doing? Is there something you *should be* busy doing that needs to be addressed?

9. How does the work God is doing in me affect others?