

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. What sin in your life do you view as "small" or "not a big deal?" What euphemisms do you tend to use to describe them? What does God think about them, and how should you think about them?
2. How do you perceive someone when they publicly confess a sin and repent? What attitude should Christians have that would encourage an atmosphere of public confession and repentance?
3. Is there a step within the repentance process that you repeatedly get stuck on? Why? What verses can help you take the next step in practicing true biblical repentance?
4. What does repentance involve? How do you know if you have truly repented?
5. How have you previously defined confessing? How did this sermon change your thinking about true confession?
6. True repentance brings about true healing (James 5:16). Can you tell of a time when repentance has brought healing into your life or the life of someone you know?
7. What role does contrition play in repentance? What happens to your affection for Christ when you repent? What happens to your affection for Christ when you don't?
8. What is the spiritual benefit to confessing your sins to your partners in righteousness?
9. Do you know where, when and how you are most tempted to provide opportunities for your flesh?
10. What radical steps do you need to take to "make no provision for the flesh?"
11. What is the difference between saying "I'm dead to that" and saying "I'm not going to do that anymore?" To what do you need to say "I'm dead to that?"
12. Which specific good and godly things could replace the specific sins in your life?