

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. When you personally are sinned against and hurt, how do you respond? Do you take it personally? Why or why not? How should you respond?
- 2. How often are you meditating on the forgiveness you have in Christ? How can spending more time meditating on His forgiveness of us help us grow in forgiving others?
- 3. What does it look like practically to forgive someone who hasn't apologized to you, even though they sinned against you? What should be your focus?
- 4. What does it look like to bless someone that has wronged you? Give some practical examples of how you have done this.
- 5. What does repenting mean? How do you need to repent in the way you treat those who have wronged you?
- 6. How does your flesh try to convince you to not forgive others? How does your unwillingness to forgive effect your relationship with Yahweh?
- 7. How can you pursue peace as a hunter pursues their prey? Who do you need to pursue peace with?
- 8. Why is it important to "live at peace with all men"? What does pursuing peace say about your relationship with God?
- 9. Joe said "there is always a blessing for obedience." How does believing that truth effect the way you treat people that wrong you?
- 10. Read 1 Peter 3: 12. Joe explained why we need to forgive, bless, and live at peace with others. What is the motivation for God's children to do these things?