

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 was your understanding of the conscience before the message? How has that understanding changed in light of the sermon?
2. Joe used the analogy of a window letting light to describe our consciences. How clean are your windows? What acts of repentance or study need to happen to have clear windows again?
3. Explain the connection between knowledge and conscience. What things did you previously think were acceptable but learned were actually sin or thought were sin but really are not? How does your conscience respond when you learn something is sinful?
4. How can you take 1-2 steps to shape your conscience and your family's this week?
5. In what ways are you actively strengthening your conscience? What ways are you weakening your conscience? What needs to change?
6. What are things currently in your life that you need to be careful of to avoid in order to cultivate a good conscience?
7. Joe shared 5 stages of conscience. Which one most closely describes you now? What was your lowest point and what brought you back to repentance and a clear, good conscience?
8. What are some warning alarms from your conscience that you've been ignoring? What does that show you need to repent of?
9. How has your witness been affected by a clouded conscience?