

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 are the things that are clouding your thinking about the future? Get specific. How does that clouding affect your actions and thoughts?
2. Our life is very short and only Yahweh knows the number of our days. How do you need to "sober up" and think more clearly about the limited time God has given you on this earth?
3. What's the difference between wandering through life versus walking confidently in God's sovereignty over it? In what areas of life do you need to wander less?
4. Examine the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:7-13. How do your prayers look similar to this example Christ gave us? How do they look different?
5. What does a prayer of dependence look like? What are the words that you use as you pray that prayer?
6. What are the things that keep you from seeking the Lord in prayer more often? What does that say about what you are valuing in your heart?
7. What evidence is there in my life that I am dependent on the Lord equally in the good and the hard times?
8. When was the last time you were loved fervently by members of the body of Christ? What effect did that have on your heart?
9. One of the biggest indicators that we belong to Christ is how we sacrificially love one another in the body. How are you regularly stretching yourself to love on your fellow brothers and sisters? What steps do you need to take this week to grow in fervently loving one another?
10. What difficult aspects of loving others can tempt you to grumble? What does that reveal about your heart's desires?