



Why Vertical? Ephesians 2:21

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. Before coming to Vertical, describe the best experience you've had in a church. What made your time there so beneficial?
2. Prior to listening to this message what would your mission statement have been? How does it need to change based on the message?
3. Are you going to church more for yourself or for God? What difference does it make to recognize that church is *for* God?
4. We have to be Vertical People if we're going to be a Vertical Church. Where do you need to grow most in the adopting a vertical lifestyle?
5. In the past week, what things did you do for the glory of God? How did you know you were doing it for God's glory and not some secondary reason?
6. Joe mentioned some good things that we focus on obtaining at the expense of glorifying God. Which of these, or other things not mentioned, have you been guilty of striving toward?
7. What is your time, focus, and decisions driven by? What parts of your life are not driven by God's glory and how do you change direction there?
8. What is a nonnegotiable for you in church?
9. Joe said, "If you can't do it for the glory of God, don't do it." Give an example where you've decided not to do something for this reason.