

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 is the biblical definition of patience? How has your understanding of patience changed as a result of the biblical definition?
2. What situations provoke you to impatience? How are you currently struggling to "embrace the delay" in your life? What is God teaching you in the delay?
3. All through the Old Testament Israel turned to idols instead of patiently waiting for the Messiah. Are there idols you have turned to in your waiting? How can you identify them and repent?
4. What are some of the Biblical benefits of patience? How have you benefitted from patient waiting in the past? How can that help you as you wait now?
5. How do peace and patience work together?
6. What is the thing (Joe listed five) that keep you from embracing the delay and patiently waiting? What can you do to change this pattern in your life?
7. How can you enjoy the Lord more in the middle of waiting?
8. Joe said we need to explore what God is doing in the waiting. Is there an attribute of God we need to lift our eyes to while we wait? What is it in your waiting?
9. How do you keep your eye on the goal while you wait? How can we as a small group help you keep your eye on the goal?
10. How are you encouraging others in their waiting as you see what God is doing in their life?