

**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. In 1 Samuel 13, we learn that Yahweh "sought out" David because of his heart. Of the five characteristics we touched on describing David (authentic, servant, humble, integrity, faithful), in which area does your heart need the most growth?
2. A characteristic of being wholly devoted to God is having integrity. Where are there gaps of immorality, deceit, etc. in your integrity and how can you close them? What areas are you more concerned about your "image" and people's perception of you? How does that show in your thoughts and actions? How does a focus on Yahweh and His purposes change your thoughts and actions?
3. In what ways do you care more about your image in small group than your integrity and humility? Do you show people in your small group who you really are?
4. What people thought of him was one of Saul's primary concerns. What are the things that concern you, but undermine your walk with the Lord?
5. How can "appearance is everything" be a plague on the church?
6. Christ as King and my whole life is the ordinary Christian life. How have you traded good things for God? In what ways do you need to repent?
7. Joe said, "Monotony is the training ground of faithfulness." Do you agree or disagree? Why? How are you being "trained in faithfulness" right now?