

This guide is intended to help you be better prepared to make disciples in your small group. It is based on the Sunday sermon listed in the top right corner. If you missed Sunday, make sure you listen to the sermon before your small group meeting. The messages are also 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. How does recognizing God's sovereignty in your current circumstances change the way you respond to anxiety and fear?
2. In what ways do you tend to 'squeeze the globe too tight' by trying to control outcomes, and how can you practice open-handed trust instead?
3. When have you experienced God using ordinary, natural means to accomplish something extraordinary in your life?
4. On what scriptural basis can we assert that nothing is ever hopeless? How can you apply this to your life today, in real time?
5. What 'river's edge' moment are you currently facing where God may be calling you to step into the water before He parts it? What's the next step?
6. How does the truth that God cares for you personally impact your ability to surrender control of your circumstances to Him?
7. In what areas of your life are you waiting for certainty before you'll move in faith? What would obedience look like today?
8. How does verse 14's revelation that 'Yahweh had ordained to thwart the good counsel' reshape your perspective on difficult circumstances you've faced?
9. The 5 steps on how to surrender anxious control are: 1. Humble yourself before God 2. Ask the Holy Spirit 3. Take every thought captive for Christ 4. Remember who God is 5. Don't go it alone. Which one comes naturally to you? Which one do you need to grow in?
10. Do you find yourself negotiating with God? In what situation do you need to "give it up" to God's sovereignty?