

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 experience have you faced that proved to be a test of your character?
2. Before this sermon, have you thought about Yahweh using daily circumstances to test your faith? How should this change the way you view your circumstances?
3. How would being aware that circumstances are a testing of your faith change your response? Why?
4. How do you tend to handle waiting? In what circumstances do you most often find yourself growing impatient? Why is it important that we learn patience in our walk with Yahweh?
5. What does impatience reveal about our hearts? What does it communicate about our relationship with Yahweh?
6. When confronted by Samuel for his lack of trust in Yahweh, Saul offered excuses to justify his actions. In what areas are you making excuses or justifying your sin?
7. In what circumstances are you most tempted to be controlled by your feelings? What Scripture can you use as a weapon against the temptation to give into emotion?
  - a. Why do you think those circumstances are most tempting? What are you not choosing to believe about Yahweh in those moments?
8. In what ways are you currently obediently waiting but it's getting harder and harder not to do what seems best to you? What will you do? How can we, as a small group, come alongside of you in this struggle?
9. Christ's perfect life of responding to all circumstances in faith-filled obedience is now credited to us if we are in Christ. How should this encourage us in our response to our circumstances?