

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. How has this sermon affected your views of trials and temptations?
2. Is it a sin to be tempted? Why or why not?
3. How can you move from just resisting temptation to growing in victory?
4. Satan is an expert at making sin look appealing. How has he baited the hook of sin in your life? What Scripture can help expose the hook for what it really is, a lie?
5. In what ways are you currently tempted to sin in order to get what you want? In what situations have you experienced the superior joy and fulfillment of waiting for the gratification of your needs and wants in God's timing instead of yours?
6. As you experience temptation, what practical steps can you take to think less of the discomfort and more of the joy that would come from doing what is right?
7. In what ways have you tried to justify your sin, or dress it up in biblical language?
8. How can you remember who you are in Christ when facing temptations?
9. What excuses do you give to continue sinning?
10. Are you an "ASK-hole", continually asking for counsel for the same temptation? Why do you think you struggle with victory in that area? What need are you afraid God won't meet if you choose obedience in this area?
11. What escape has God provided for you in your temptation? What keeps you from taking that escape?
12. What were the six steps of resisting temptation given in the sermon? Which of the six steps given in the sermon are most helpful in your battle against temptation? What other step would you add that is particularly helpful in your battle against temptation?