

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 the sermon impacted your view of how you respond to earthly authority?
2. In what ways do you over-value autonomy? What does that look like in your life?
3. Who is your ultimate authority? How are you honoring your ultimate authority in the way that you respect your earthly authority?
4. Think about the last time you spoke/posted about our government. How can we post/speak about our government in a respectful and submissive fashion, even if we don't agree with the decisions?
5. What does it look like practically to be motivated by God's glory when it comes to submission to the government?
6. How do you evaluate when to submit to the government and when not to? How can you remain respectful when you cannot submit?
7. What laws that don't contradict God's laws do you struggle to be submissive to?
8. How should knowing that government has authority derived from God affect our responses to it and its laws?
9. Read 1 Peter 2:16-17 again. Here Peter defines the "doing good" of verse 15. In which areas Peter mentioned are you doing good, which are you not? How can you grow in "doing good so that you may silence the ignorance of the foolish"?