

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. Are you currently satisfied or unsatisfied with your prayer life? Why?
- 2. How do you picture God in your mind when you pray? Why?
- 3. Examine your current prayer practices. What do you typically pray for?
- 4. Speaking practically, what does it mean to "pray without ceasing?" What steps can you take that will enable this kind of communication that God commands?
- 5. Share how you can pray about everything while not becoming overburdened by the immensity of "everything?"
- 6. Pastor Joe mentioned 5 reasons believers ought to pray without ceasing. Which is most encouraging for you in your prayer life? Why?
- 7. What might your prayer look like when praying for "all the saints"? Why is this important?
- 8. What does it mean to pray "in Jesus' name?" How will this affect how and what you pray?
- 9. We are called to persevere in prayer. What about prayer do you find difficult, and what can you do to overcome that and grow in persevering prayer?
- 10. When you don't receive something you've asked God for in prayer, what do you typically do next? What should we do?
- 11. What obstacle prevent you from maintaining a regular, consistent prayer life?
- 12. How can we determine when our requests line up with God's will?