

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. 1 Peter 3:7 "You husbands in the same way...." What way? Have you taken new ground in living a submissive life in the last month? If so, share some examples.
2. Our culture is constantly preaching value messages to us about what we should believe and act on. In what ways does our culture view men biblically? In what ways does our culture view men unbiblically? What does God's Word say about these things?

Men:

1. What distractions have you allowed in your life that prevents you from studying your wife?
2. How do you need to improve in being "a shield" for your wife?
3. How you love your wife says a lot about your view of Yahweh. What does your current treatment of your wife say about your relationship with Yahweh?
4. In what ways is your marriage thriving? What are you doing in that area of your marriage to cultivate an intimate relationship with your wife?
5. If your wife could pick one area of intimacy to grow in, what would it be? If you don't know, why don't you know?
6. What is one specific thing that your wife does that amazes you?
7. Is encouragement and praise a common component of your marriage relationship? If not, how can you lead out in cultivating that aspect of your marriage?
8. How often do you pray with & for your wife? What have you allowed to get in the way of praying with & for your wife?

Women:

1. Wives, in what way can you be responsive and helpful as your husband grows in pursuing intimacy with you? Husbands, Pastor Joe mentioned several ways to be intimate. What does emotional, social, spiritual, and physical intimacy look like to your wife? This may be (and probably is) different from woman to woman.
2. Is encouragement and praise a common component of your marriage relationship? If not, how can you help in cultivating that aspect of your marriage?