

**This guide is intended to help you be better prepared to make disciples in your small group. It is based on the Sunday sermon listed in the top right corner. If you missed Sunday, make sure you listen to the sermon before your small group meeting. The messages are also 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. "The cross magnifies the seriousness of sin." Where have you been tempted to minimize something God is treating as serious? How has that minimizing shaped your choices or attitudes?
2. "Jesus didn't just save you from something, He saved you for something." What area of your life feels spiritually stagnant right now? What do you think God might be calling you to step into? What's been holding you back?
3. "Grace makes us humble with ourselves." Where are you most tempted to defend yourself, justify yourself, or prove yourself right now? What would humility look like instead of self-protection?
4. "Grace makes us merciful with others." Who is the person in your life right now that you are struggling most to treat with mercy? What specifically makes that hard for you?
5. "Forgiven people are called to be forgiving people." What would it actually *cost* you to forgive the person God is bringing to your mind? What do you fear you might lose if you let it go?
6. "Grace gives us a new purpose, not just a new destination." Where in your daily life do you feel the tension between comfort and obedience right now? Which one are you choosing most often and why?
7. "The gospel always creates urgency, not apathy." Who is one person God has clearly placed in your life who does not know Jesus? What is one small, realistic step you could take toward them this week?
8. "We are not the Savior, but we carry the lifeline." If you truly believed you were someone's connection to hope, what would you do differently this week in your words, prayers, or courage? What is one specific action you will take before next group?
9. "Grace is not just pardon, it is rescue." Where do you most need Jesus to actively *rescue* you right now, not just forgive you? What would it look like for you to actually let Him step into that area?