

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. What areas of your life have you labeled "always going to be this way" areas? Why?
2. How can praying protect you from losing heart?
3. Describe your prayer life. Is your current state of prayer causing you to be strengthened in heart or is it contributing to you losing heart? Why?
4. In Hebrews 12:3, Jesus' life was characterized by endurance, do you believe that your life should also be characterized by endurance? Why or why not?
5. Why is the pathway of despair found in focusing on yourself? How can you grow in considering Jesus?
6. How do you see God being merciful to you in your season of waiting? How often do you spend time looking for God's provision in your life?
7. Read 2 Cor. 4:16-18, what kind of reward do you want from God? What kind of reward does He promise?
8. What is a painful circumstance in your life that has been either persistent or recurring? How can you seek change without compromise?
9. How have you become passive during this season of waiting?
10. How should you be taking action to change your situation? Why aren't you?
11. David didn't know how Providence would work, but he knew what obedience required for his life. Understanding sometimes has to wait but obedience cannot. Do you agree? Why or why not?