

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.

### Think Rightly About Your Sin

1. What makes it so challenging to think rightly about our sin? How can we grow in our appreciation of the seriousness of sin?
2. How are you responding to the warning signs of sin in your life right now? What is at risk if you keep ignoring them?
3. What do you tend to call your sin instead of calling it "sin"? How does that language affect the way you deal with it?
4. Think of a sin that you keep coming back to. What are you actually wanting or believing in the moment you choose that sin?

### Deal Honestly With Your Sin

5. What specific conviction of sin is the Lord pressing on you right now, and how have you been responding to it? Who knows about this sin in your life right now? If no one knows, what is keeping you from bringing it into the light?
6. Of confessing, owning, and forsaking sin, which do you struggle with most? What is one concrete step you can take this week to grow in that area?
7. Are you managing your sin or putting it to death? What specific action will you take this week to cut off access to it?

### Rest Fully in Christ for Your Sin

9. In what ways are you still trying to earn acceptance with God by managing your sin instead of trusting Christ's finished work?
10. When you sin, what is your first instinct: hide, fix it yourself, or go to Christ (or something else)? What does that reveal about what you believe?
11. What does it look like this week to both rest in Christ and actively pursue obedience in a specific area of your life?