

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 does comfortable look like for you? How can awareness of this help you fight your flesh?
2. As you examine your own life, are you spending more time on defense (refraining from sin) or on offense (taking new ground)? Why is this true?
3. What is the goal in the Christian life? How are you working to get there?
4. Why does Jonathan's view of God spur him to action instead of inaction?
5. Are you more a Saul or a Jonathan? Regardless of your answer what God glorifying next steps can you take in your life?
6. Do you have an armor bearer in your life? Are you an armor bearer for someone else? What does that look like? What armor is required to do battle and take ground in the Christian life (Eph. 6:10-18)?
7. What are the benefits of anticipating challenges when setting out to take new ground for Yahweh?
8. As Christians, we are all too familiar with the command to put all our trust in the Lord (Prov 3: 5-6, Ps 37, etc). What does it practically look like to trust the Lord? How can I know whether I'm trusting myself or trusting in the Lord?
9. When is the last time you charged into battle or a difficult situation, armed only with faith and trust that Yahweh would provide? What holds you back?
10. What obstacles keep you from taking new ground in your life and the world?
11. What is your plan for taking new ground? Share a God-sized thing you are going to attempt. How can we help?