

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.

See the Gap Sin Created Between You and God

1. Have you ever needed someone to step in and speak on your behalf in a difficult situation? How does that experience help you understand what it means to need a mediator before God?
2. When God feels distant or slow, what are the "golden calves" you naturally reach for? What makes those feel safer than waiting on Him?
3. How are you being stiff-necked right now? What's one area where you're resisting God's yoke, where you're saying essentially, "I get to decide this"? Read Matthew 11:29–30. What would it look like this week to put that yoke on?

Understand That No Man Can Pay What You Owe

4. Moses didn't argue Israel's innocence. He appealed to God's character and his covenant promises. What does that teach you about how to pray for yourself and for others?
5. What current prayers are you appealing to God to answer? What if God doesn't answer that prayer the way you want?
6. Moses offered everything he had, including his own life, and it still wasn't enough. Not because he didn't try, but because he was in debt himself. In what ways are you still trying to pay a debt you can't pay? What does that look like practically in your life

Look Beyond the Shadow to the Son

7. 1 Timothy 2:5 says there is one mediator. Are you living as if Jesus is enough, or do you add things (your performance, your track record, your religious activity) to the equation? Why?
8. Moses was faithful in the house. Jesus built the house. What's the difference between deeply admiring a godly person in your life, a pastor, a parent, a mentor, and actually fixing your eyes on Jesus? Where do you honestly think you land?
9. Moses knew he was a shadow and said so. He pointed forward to someone greater. Who in your life does that well: consistently pointing you to Jesus rather than to themselves?