

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. Share your plan for growing in spiritual disciplines this year.
2. Are you the kind of person who makes New Year's resolutions? Why or why not? If yes, share a resolution for 2021 and why you're resolved to accomplish this goal.
3. What is your "go to" response to conflict? In what ways have you handled conflict well in the past? In what ways have you not?
4. According to verse 15, how can I know if I'm thinking clearly about the situation? How should I proceed if I'm not thinking clearly? Why?
5. What are the steps in the biblical process of resolving conflict?
6. As you think through Matthew 18:15-20, where do you need to adjust your response to conflict? In thinking clearly or following the biblical process? How can you grow in this?
7. Pastor Joe listed "4 Things Which are Not Sin". What are they? Which is the hardest for you to let go? Why?
8. Of the "5 Things We Do Instead of Going", which do you do most often and why? (1. Ignore/deny/pretend it didn't happen 2. Take revenge 3. Gossip 4. Stew 5. Electronic communication)
9. Do you use electronic communication in a healthy or unhealthy way? How do you know?
10. Pastor Joe referenced "blind spots" in Sunday's teaching. What are blind spots? Discuss ways to get help in our blind spots. **(SGL – Consider for breakout: Have a discussion of each other's blind spots in break out or encourage everyone to ask spouses, friends, and family members to speak into this.)**
11. What scriptures will help you respond appropriately when someone comes to you about how you've sinned against them?
12. Can you think of any unresolved conflict in your life today? With the biblical model for handling conflict in mind, what are your next steps to reconciling this relationship?
13. Can you know the motive and heart behind other's attitudes and actions? What are the consequences to believing you have this ability?