

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. Before the sermon, what were your goals when you read God's Word? How has that changed after this sermon?
2. Describe your best season of time in the word. What were you doing? How does that compare to what you are doing now?
3. Consider the "five steps to grow in attentiveness." Where in the process do things break down for you?
4. In planning for and preparing for time in the Word, what do you need to be doing differently?
5. What keeps you from being attentive to the Word of God? What does this reveal about your heart?
6. Have you had an experience in your past when you delayed obeying God and it had serious consequences? What happened?
7. Are there areas where you have stubbornly refused to obey God? Why? What is the next right step of obedience?
8. In Hebrews 3:7-8 & 12-19, why is delayed obedience equated with unbelief?
9. Eli said, "It is Yahweh, let him do what seems good to Him." What do we learn about God and how to respond to Him from Eli's comment after learning about the consequences of his son's behavior?
10. Do you read God's Word to earn acceptance by God or do you read God's Word as a response of a grateful heart that desires to obey? How can you tell the difference?