

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 is the goal of growing in sermon listening?
2. Think of your Sunday morning preparation. How are you preparing well to listen to Yahweh speak? How are you not preparing well? What should change? What does it look like to till and prepare the soil of your heart for a sermon?
3. Read Acts 17:10-11. What does it mean to be a Berean? In what ways can you be more like them?
4. After listening to a sermon, what steps can you take to actively engage with the sermon and make a plan for application?
5. How would your small group members benefit from your improvement in sermon listening?
6. How is carefully and actively listening connected to the joy of Yahweh being our strength?
7. What are some biblical truths you already know but are not putting into practice in your life? What is the most important truth you need to put into practice right now?
8. With regards to your hearing habits, are you a lethargic listener or an energetic listener? What are some practical ways you can train and develop your skills of attentive hearing?
9. What specific things should you pray for the preacher? What potential impact could your prayers make on your pastor as well as on your church and community?
10. What tends to distract you from staying focused while listening to the sermon? What are some practical ways you can fight against those distractions?