

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 your response to opposition in your Christian life? After listening to the sermon how does your response need to change?
2. Describe the last time you were persecuted for righteousness sake?
3. How has your definition of being "blessed" change in light of the sermon?
4. 1 Peter teaches us to not be fearful of the consequences of doing right. In what ways are you fearful? What does Scripture offer as encouragement?
5. We are to be zealous for what is good. How do we determine what is good? What is not good in your life? How can you align those things with God's Word?
6. In what ways do you see suffering for righteousness happening in our culture/homes today? What might opposition look like in the next 5 years? How do we prepare to respond ahead of time?
7. Joe taught that the mindset of blessing in suffering comes from being absolutely convinced that Yahweh is for you. What kinds of things cause you to doubt that He is for you?
8. In what areas of your life are you experiencing opposition in your Christian life? How can you remind yourself that God is with you?
9. How can you be courageous in Yahweh? What fruit should being courageous in Yahweh produce and what would it look like in your everyday life?