



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. Pastor Joe claimed that each of have tendencies to lean one way or another when it comes to grace and truth. Which way do you lean? Why?
2. Share the person you've known that has most exhibited **grace** in your life. What were they like? Share the person you've known that has most exhibited **truth** in your life. What were they like? Have you known anyone that has been a biblical model of both? Describe that person and how they impacted you.
3. Describe your arrival to Vertical Church. Were you warmly welcomed without judgment? How should your welcome direct the way you interact with new people at Vertical?
4. Truth can be defined as that which corresponds to reality. Sometimes, speaking the truth is difficult. Give an example of a truth that might be difficult to share. Why is it so important to press on to sharing truth in the context of small group in spite of difficulties?
5. How can truth be both challenging and affirming in a vertical church?
6. It's easy to swing to either grace OR truth in our relationships thereby producing moral indifference, self-righteousness, license, legalism, etc. Have you experienced these seasons in your life? How did you get there? How can uncommon community curb this?
7. One of the ways we do not walk in grace is unforgiveness. In what ways does our culture rationalize unforgiveness. In what ways do you rationalize unforgiveness?
8. One of the ways we do not walk in grace is negatively assessing others (judgment). How have you seen this manifested in the church? How can we combat this kind of thinking?
9. What place does grace and truth have practically in our small groups?
10. Consider your small group as you read through the sermon outline: Walk in Grace - welcome without judgement, love without condition, forgive without limits. Walk in Truth - rejoice in the truth, live in the truth, speak the truth in love. Are you doing these things in your small group? How would you evaluate your small group in these areas?
11. What can you do to help your group grow in authentic uncommon community?