

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 said "if you miss grace as the driving force in the Christian life, you miss everything." What does it look like for grace to be the driving force in your life? In what areas are other things the driving force?
2. Come to small group prepared to discuss one of the five proofs of where you get your approval. Share what this looks like in your life and what it says about your heart.
3. What motivates you on a "good day?" What motivates you on a "bad day?" What determines the quality of your day?
4. How often do you examine your motives? How do you correct a wrong motive?
5. How are you cooperating with the Lord in heart-level sanctification? In what ways does your motivation need to change.
6. What external fruit is in your life right now because of internal growth in your walk with Christ?
7. What role does repentance play in your daily Christian walk? How often are you spending time repenting of wrong thinking?
8. What are the things that draw you near to God? How often do you engage in these things, how do they change you? Make a plan to increase your time drawing near to God.
9. What do you most often boast about? How does this reflect what you think about God?
10. Why is boasting in ourselves the antithesis of boasting in the cross? Where do I need to grow in boasting in the cross?
11. What does it look like in your life to boast in the cross? What thought patterns and behaviors does it create in you?