

Gospel Shoes

Eph 6:15



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) Of the 3 ways the Gospel provides stability so that you can withstand the attacks of the Enemy, which one resonated with you the most and why? What are some alternatives people pursue in order to experience peace?
- 2) God has provided the perfect gospel to "shod" our feet with. What's the danger in wearing any other "shoes" as the basis of your walk with the Lord? (ie niceness slippers, hard-working boots, Social justice sneakers).
- 3) The gospel provides stability of mind by eliminating fear, but one of Satan's biggest tactics in his war against us is causing us to doubt God and His gospel truths, or just forget them altogether to make us feel alone. What unstable thoughts or doubts have attacked your mind previously, and how do you refocus on the gospel truths and regain stability?
- 4) How can trusting in Jesus's performance and God's goodness help us overcome fear?
- 5) Pastor Joe gave a list of 5 truths that give us peace. Which one resonates with you the most? What others can you think of (give scripture to show it!)?
- 6) What were the 3 ways that I can protect the unity of the body? Which is most challenging for you? Which is most natural for you? Why?
- 7) Joe talked about "redline issues" that push all sorts of emotional buttons. What are your redline issues that fire up your emotions and detract from unity and the gospel of peace? How should you better address this to regain stability of emotions?
- 8) Unity is broken when we expect others to give what only God can provide. How have you experienced this in your relationships?
- 9) Why is it important to understand that eternal life primarily refers to quality of life and not length of life? What good things in your life have replaced sharing the gospel and forwarding the kingdom?