

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 kind of suffering are we to expect as followers of Christ?
2. When suffering comes what is your initial reaction?
3. How do you prepare to suffer? How do you cultivate a hopeful expectation?
4. If you have entrusted yourself to God, how would you treat those that treat you unjustly? How does this compare to how you actually treat people that treat you unjustly?
5. What examples in Scripture can you turn to for comfort that show God's sovereignty in the midst of unjust suffering?
6. What are the most common excuses you can use to try to justify a sinful response to injustice in your life? Where do these sinful excuses not line up with God's word?
7. How did Jesus entrust Himself to God? What did that practically look like in His life? How can we emulate the example He set for us?
8. How do you respond to unjust treatment? Do you fight, flee, shut down, withhold yourself? How did Jesus respond? Where is your focus in those times?
9. Do you spend more time thinking about the injustices done to you or the injustices done to Christ on your behalf? Why do you think more about your own sufferings, than the sufferings of Christ on your behalf?