

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 sin in your life do you consider to "not be a big deal"? Why?
2. Is there any unconfessed sin in your life and how has it affected you and your relationships both vertical and horizontal?
3. How can you know if you are being deceived by sin? How can we become aware of its deception?
4. Who have you invited into your life close enough to see the areas in your life where you may be deceived by sin? How often are you asking for their loving critique?
5. There was a time that Saul would never have considered visiting a medium. How do you know when you have crossed over into compromise?
6. What is your sin trying to deceive you into believing, whether in its promise, purpose or power? What truth can you use to do battle with the lies of that sin?
7. Where does sin usually deceive you most, in its promises, in its purpose or in its power? Explain.
8. Saul did some detestable things during his reign as king. In what ways are you similar to Saul?
9. Can you share any personal experiences with the 5 stages of sin and the progression of it and how did you experience victory? What evidence of sin's destruction have you seen in your life?
10. Is there a sin you feel dominated by? How can we as a group come alongside you as you fight against this sin?
11. The stages of sin begin with desire and our thought life. How can we use the concept of preaching to ourselves and taking every thought captive that Joe taught on last week to battle sin?