

This guide is intended to help you be better prepared to make disciples in your small group. It is based on the Sunday sermon listed in the top right corner. If you missed Sunday, make sure you listen to the sermon before your small group meeting. The messages are also 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.

### See marriage clearly

1. In what ways does marriage reveal God's glory?
2. How does God see marriage? How can you communicate its weightiness to those around you?
3. In what ways have you been treating marriage casually? What are some practical ways that you can treat marriage as sacred, holy, and set apart?
4. How should understanding marriage as God's design (rather than a cultural tradition) change the way we approach it?

### Value marriage deeply

5. Which biblical reason for valuing marriage stood out most to you (God created it for His glory, God Himself honors it, God ordained it as a gospel picture, it produces godly generations, it points to the ultimate wedding)?
6. For married men, how are you sacrificially loving your wife? For married women, how are you joyfully submitting to your husband? Singles, how can you also follow these commands of the Lord? How do these actions reflect the picture of the gospel?
7. The command to "hold marriage in honor" applies to ALL believers, not just married people. Brainstorm practical ways for single and married people to honor marriage together in our church family.
8. How often do you pray for marriages in this body?

### Guard marriage faithfully

9. What are some practical ways that we can faithfully guard and protect marriages? If married, what are some safeguards that you use to protect your own marriage? Singles, what safeguards can you put in your life to prepare for marriage?
10. Are there areas where you've grown casual about sexual sin? What would repentance look like?
11. After being informed by God's Word...what changes do you plan to make to begin to encourage your married friends?