

Sword of the Spirit

Eph 6:17b



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 type of sword did Paul most likely have in mind when he spoke of the sword of the Spirit? Why does this matter as we think through the meaning of the comparison?
- 2) Define the 5 conflicting voices Pastor Joe shared. In what ways do these ideas creep into your understanding of God's Word. How can you guard against it? What additions and filters to the Word, have you been guilty of using in the past?
- 3) To use a weapon well requires consistent practice. How often are you "practicing" with the Sword of the Spirit, and how (reading, listening, memorizing, etc)? Be specific!
- 4) Why is precision important when handling God's Word? How does the enemy use imprecision with God's Word to attack Christians?
- 5) When bringing Scripture to others, what tests can we use to know if it is wise in that situation? Tell a story of how you have succeeded or failed at this in the past.
- 6) Give an example of a time that you were right, but you spoke in the wrong time, or wrong way, or wrong thing. What damage was done?
- 7) 2 Peter 1:3 says that we have everything we need for life and godliness through the knowledge of Christ, but many people have trouble finding the answers they are looking for. What are the resources you use to find verses for fighting the enemy?