

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. According to Galatians, who is spiritual? Is their responsibility to referee or restore? What is the difference?
2. What does it mean to restore in a spirit of gentleness? How can you take steps to grow in gentleness when restoring brothers and sisters?
3. The word restore is used of setting a broken bone. Do you welcome the pain of someone setting your "broken spiritual bones" for ultimate restoration? Why or why not?
4. Husbands and Fathers: when you see your family members sin, is it your desire to "restore" or punish? What has your response been teaching your family about the character of God?
5. Who is in your sphere of influence/small group that needs fortification? What can you do to love them?
6. Do you feel a responsibility to share in the lives of others? A responsibility to share your own burdens? On a scale of 1 -10 how would you rate yourself as a "hider" when it comes to sharing your burdens? When your brothers and sisters share their burdens, do you believe your job is to help bear that burden?
7. How do you order your priorities to allow for fellowship outside of small group and church?
8. What is self-examination? How often am I practicing self-examination?
9. How does a greater self-awareness of my own shortcomings allow me to better restore and fortify my brothers and sisters?