

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 was the last major celebration you were a part of? How did your planning and preparation (or lack thereof) affect your personal celebration? How can those lessons instruct you as you prepare for Easter Sunday?
2. How do the miraculous parts of our text encourage you to press on in confidence in Yahweh's plans?
3. How are your eyes fixed on the road right in front of you instead of on Christ? What would it look like to fix your eyes on Christ in these areas?
4. When you come to Scripture do you spend more time focusing on yourself or focusing on Christ and what he has done for you?
5. Jeff gave a list of passages that will help set our hearts on Jesus (Isa 53, John 1, Col 1, Acts 1:1-11, Phil 2:5-18). What passages would you add to these?
6. Jeff gave several questions to ask in self-reflection. What does your self-reflection look like? How often do you spend in self-reflection and repentance?
7. What motivates your worship? How are you making time for the things in life that increase your desire to worship Christ?
8. What are your normal rhythms for weekly worship? What's one practical act of worship you can additionally practice this week that will prepare your heart for Easter? What effect will that have on your soul?
9. Just as the Jews laid down their valuable robes in honor of Jesus, what is the Holy Spirit asking you to lay down?
10. Who in your life can you invite to the weekend services?