

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. In 3 minutes or less, share with your small group the story of how you were transferred from the domain of darkness into the Kingdom of Yahweh.
2. Israel was still God's people even though they desired a king like all the other nations. How can this be compared to our relationship with God through Christ? In what ways do these comparisons enhance your understanding of grace?
3. Discuss the difference between an internal Jew and an external Jew.
4. Read Matthew 1:1. Discuss how Christ is the fulfillment of the covenants described in Sunday's teaching. How can this understanding affect your daily time in the Word?
5. What do you learn about Yahweh's character through the covenants He makes? How can that encourage you to live joyfully in the kingdom of Yahweh?
6. How is seeing the overarching theme of God's kingdom helpful in understanding the story of redemption?
7. What does it mean to "seek first His kingdom and His righteousness"? (Matt 6:33)
8. What is the significance of being a citizen in the kingdom of Yahweh? Does it affect the way you see yourself? How does it affect the way you seek to obey?
9. What things are present in your life specifically because you are a citizen in the kingdom of Yahweh? Which things are present but shouldn't be?