

## Cultural Christianity 1 Samuel 14:24-52

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 kind of culture are you immersed in daily? How is that culture influencing your Christianity?
- 2. What are the signs you are being selfish in your walk with Christ?
- 3. Where do you find yourself doing spiritual things for personal gain? What motives underlie these things? How do you get out of the rut of going through the motions?
- 4. In what ways have you used Christians for your own purposes?
- 5. What actions can we take to grow in service and fight against selfishness?
- 6. Do your prayers treat God like a genie to grant you your own desires, or do you humbly surrender to His will and seek His desires over your own?
- 7. What good, spiritual practice do you most struggle to remain selfless with? Ex. Prayer, fasting, giving, church attendance, church choice, etc
- 8. Why do you come to church on Sundays? What is your motivation and what does that say about your heart?
- 9. How can you determine if the spiritual discipline you are engaged in (bible intake, prayer, etc) are authentic or hypocritical?
- **10.** How could trusting Yahweh have changed Saul's responses? How can it change yours?