

# Shield of Faith

## Eph 6:16



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) Where are you most noticing the attacks of the enemy in your mind? In your emotions? In your will? Why do you think the enemy is attacking you in this way? How can you move forward in victory?
- 2) Define biblical faith. Give an example of a time when you demonstrated it.
- 3) Satan wants us, like Adam and Eve, to question God's character. Pastor Joe gave 5 reasons we should trust God. In reality, there are limitless reasons to trust God's character. Share a truth about God's character that you depend on to thwart the enemy's attacks. Why this one?
- 4) Which lie about God's character have you believed in the past? Why was it so easy to believe this? How did you overcome this deception?
- 5) When God promises something, He's telling you what will happen- guaranteed. What situation are you facing in which you need a promise from God?
- 6) Satan is crafty and deceptive, even quoting Scripture while tempting Jesus in Luke 4. He will use any method necessary to keep us from faithfully following God. How can we recognize when Scripture is being used out of context and twisted to cause us to doubt God's truths? Why is this so important for maintaining our faith?
- 7) The devil has a simple scheme: question, deny, replace. Is there something God says that you find yourself questioning? How can we stand firm on God's Word?
- 8) How can reflecting on Jesus as the Second Adam in Luke 4:1-13 help encourage us to stay strong in the midst of temptation?
- 9) Heroes of the Faith (Heb 11) denied the temptation to doubt God's plan. As you have been focusing on Bible intake, what do you sense God is planning for you right now. In other words, what part of your character should be under construction presently?
- 10) Joe listed four promises that God has made. What are some others? Is there one that is especially dear to you, and why?