

PREPARE

- ➔ **This gathering we will remember the Lord in the ordinance of communion.** Have your elements ready - bread (ideally a crusty, unsliced loaf to 'break' together) and a cup of grape juice or wine for dipping. [Listen to this training](#) for more detail.
- ➔ **Familiarize yourself with the order of service below and choose one or two discussion questions.** It's essential that people are allowed to answer freely - there are no wrong answers, provided they sincerely say what they think. People who are allowed to speak are better listeners and their hearts will be more open to the Word of God.
 - ▶ Have you ever encountered a situation where something secondary was competing for attention with a primary obligation/relationship?
 - ▶ What are some common "competing loves" with our love for God?
 - ▶ How do I know when something is competing for first place in my life?
- ➔ **This week's message is entitled "Competing Loves" in our series Vertical Living.** Competing loves are a common problem. And as we are being challenged with the Great Commandment, we are realizing that the problem is not our capacity to love or understanding of the concept - as much as it is that which is competing. "Do you love me more than these?" The question of Jesus to Peter is the one we must all wrestle with today. **John 21:1-19**
- ➔ **Close in communion and continue your gathering over a meal.** Biblical fellowship takes time to build - even in families! Sharing a meal with your gathering after worshipping together is watering fertile ground for good things to grow.

ORDER OF SERVICE

1. Start the Video	
2. Pause for Prayer	2 min
3. Worship (3 songs)	9 min
4. Pause for Discussion Questions	8 min
5. Scripture Reading	5 min
6. Prayer (group leader)	5 min
7. Message	50 min
8. The Lord's Table	9 min
9. Fellowship Meal	?

Total **90 min**