



COMMUNITY

ACCOUNTABILITY

Objective for Learning: To comprehend the importance and Scriptural call for accountability and why every follower of Jesus should have a healthy, strong accountability partner(s) or group in his/her life to help them become more like Jesus.

Objective for Living: To be a part of this type of accountability group or have an accountability partner in their life that meets on an agreed upon, regular basis.

Objective for Reproducing: To be the initiator and creator of an accountability partnership or group with men or women who did not have accountability beforehand.

Scriptures for Accountability:

- Galatians 6:1-2
- James 5:16
- 1 Thessalonians 5:11
- Proverbs 27:17
- Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

How do each of these Scriptures help to **define** and **illuminate** what accountability is and why it is important?

Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):

Overview:

Jesus never called us to live life alone. We are always supposed to follow Him in the context of community. He displayed this type of intimate lifestyle with His disciples, where there was encouragement, growth, conviction, and responsibility within the group of disciples. These men walked out their commitment to following Jesus together and helped each other immensely along the way through the building up of one another and the commitment to help each other continue in their spiritual growth.

Accountability is not simply meeting with someone to slap your wrist and manage your sin; it is a spiritual discipline that allows for freedom, life, and celebration with other believers. Accountability gives the permission for others to look into areas of your life, whether they are victories or struggles, and help you stay committed to seeing these areas through the lens of what it means to follow Jesus and become more like Him in these areas.

Questions for Learning and Living:

- What are the elements that need to be present for a strong, healthy accountability relationship to take place?
- What elements are hardest for you to commit to?
- What elements are missing between you and your disciple maker/group you are currently doing this study with?
- What can you do to change that so accountability is a stronger part of your life and walk with Jesus?
- How do you ensure that accountability does not just become a sin management tool with someone else, but is seen and experienced more as a partnership in experiencing God and His kingdom?

Questions for Reproducing:

- Who would be some good potential people for you to invite into an accountability group? Why do you think they would be a good fit?
- How do you go about officially inviting someone into and then leading him or her into an accountability relationship?
- What are some ways to ensure that there is consistency with your accountability group?

Doing (Implementation and Application):

- What is Jesus saying to you about this?
- How are you going to respond? Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
 - Give 1-3 concrete action steps that you are going to do this week to help you take the next step of learning, living, or reproducing in this area.
- Choose one of the Scriptures that really impacted you and commit to memorizing it this week.