

ACCOUNTABILITY QUESTIONS

THE VISION

Effective accountability should help point our eyes toward Christ and help us see him as the treasure above all things (Matthew 13:44-46). At times, we can confuse love with permissiveness, but gospel-centered accountability is always full of two ingredients: grace and truth. Grace without truth breeds moral indifference ... and truth without grace breeds self-righteous legalism. Confession, repentance, Scripture reading and prayer are essential during any time of accountability. Below are some sample questions.

GENERAL QUESTIONS

- What can you celebrate that the Lord is doing in your life right now? What are you thankful for? (Psalm 107:1, 1 Thessalonians 5:18)
- What Scriptures have you been studying this week? (Psalm 119:11, Matthew 6:33)
- What is the Lord teaching you? How has your relationship with Christ been changing?
- How consistent has your prayer life been this past week? (Ephesians 6:18, Colossians 1:3)
- What have you been praying about?
- How have you served others and loved your neighbor this week? [e.g. those in need, co-workers, friends, neighbors] (Mark 12:31, Matthew 22:39)
- What do you need to confess/repent of from this past week before God and community? (Psalm 51, James 5:16, 1 John 1:9)
- Do you understand the “trigger” for your sin struggle?
- What emotional desires are you trying to fulfill with this sin struggle?
- What is the “lie” in this and the truth that God promises when you trust Him?
- Is God speaking to you in an area that you find difficult to listen/act?
- Have you used your financial resources this past week to glorify God?
- Who are your TOP TWO that you’re praying for? (John 17:20)
- What is your next step? (1. Initiate friendship, 2. Share your story of grace, 3. Invite)
- Are you walking in purity (of mind, body, and heart) before the Lord? (Psalm 51:10, 1 Corinthians 6:18-20)
- In what ways have you stepped out in faith since we last met?
- Are the “visible” you and the “real” you consistent? (1 John 1:7)
- What measurable and attainable goals do you have that will challenge you to grow this week?
- What is your number one prayer request for next week?
- Have you answered these questions truthfully? (Proverbs 27:17)

MARRIAGE QUESTIONS (1 PETER 3:7, EPHESIANS 5:25-33, PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4)

- How have you spent quality, relational time with your family this past week?
- How have you cultivated oneness with your spouse this past week?
- Do you regularly share with your spouse what God is doing and teaching you?
- How are you doing at praying with and for each other?
- Husbands: How are you being the spiritual leader of your family? How are you pursuing emotional intimacy with your wife?
- Wives: How have you shown honor and respect to your husband this week?
- How can you serve your spouse more effectively?
- Do you have a good pulse on how your spouse is doing this week?
- Have you had conflict with your spouse this week? If so, how have you resolved the conflict? Ephesians 4:3)
- How have you been putting your spouses’ needs above your own this past week? (Philippians 2:3-4)
- How has your tone and speech been with your spouse this week? (Ephesians 4:29)
- When is your next date?

SPOUSE-TO-SPOUSE QUESTIONS

- How did you feel loved this past week?
- What does your upcoming week look like?
- How would you feel most loved & encouraged in the days ahead?
- How would you best feel pursued in sex/intimacy this week?
- How can I help you this week in your pursuit of Christ?
- How can I pray for you?

PARENTING QUESTIONS

- How are you investing spiritually in your children?
- How are you doing at managing anger with your kids?
- How are you doing with disciplining your children?
- How are you doing with honoring your spouse in front of your children?

THREE QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR COMMUNITY GROUP

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What are you reading in God's Word? (2 Timothy 3:16-17, John 15:5, James 1:22-25)

In other words, what is God teaching you while you read the Bible? Or better yet, are you even reading the Bible? If not, then why not? If so, then what are you learning and what are you doing about it? Simply share what you are reading and what God is teaching you through His Word.

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How are you doing at loving your wife or husband? (Ephesians 5:21-27, 1 Peter 3:7, Colossians 3:12-17)

Ephesians 5:21-33 lays out such a beautiful picture of what it means to be a Christ-like husband or wife. Each time we are together as a group, we should share with each other how we're doing at fulfilling God's role for us in marriage. Included in this question is how we're doing at loving and leading our kids. Marriage/parenting is hard work (1 Corinthians 7:28), but when we commit to one another in marriage, we commit to serve and love the other even more than we love ourselves.

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What's eating your lunch? (James 5:16, 1 John 1:5-10)

Said another way, how/where are you struggling right now? Is it at work, with your spouse, your kids, or your pet sin? This is where you ask the questions that maybe no one else is asking you. Everything is fair game with this question. In community, you open your lives to the input and counsel of others. I see our group (and marriage) as God's provision and "Plan A" to help me grow in every part of my life.

SINGLES: Here are a few similar questions for singles to ask in their Community Groups. Two great questions to ask are:

1. How are you doing at focusing on the 'one anothers' of Scripture?" (i.e., love one another—John 13:34-35; pray for one another—James 5:16; encourage one another—Hebrews 3:13) Specifically, you can ask how they are doing at applying these to those in their Community Group.
2. Ask how someone is doing in the area of purity. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Ephesians 5:3, and others)