

KEYS TO EFFECTIVE ACCOUNTABILITY

THE PURPOSE OF ACCOUNTABILITY

Effective accountability should help point our eyes toward Christ and 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, & prayer are essential during any time of accountability.

During effective times of accountability, we should strive to encourage and remind one another to live-out who we are in Christ. We address our:

BELIEFS: The truth of God's Word vs. the lies we believe

IDENTITY: Who you are in Christ vs. what culture tells us

NEED: Confess our sin and our need & love for our Savior We strive to "renew our mind" (Romans 12:1-2), to gain freedom from sin, as we point one another to Christ (Isaiah 53:6, Colossians 3:16, Hebrews 3:13).

WHAT ACCOUNTABILITY TIME LOOKS LIKE

SHARE YOUR CONDITION

- Sharing who I am and how I'm doing...really!
- You are accountable to others
- But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin (1 John 1:7).
- Community Core Value: Live Authentically

KNOW THEIR CONDITION

- Knowing who they are and how they're doing...really!
- Accountable for others
- Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" (Genesis 4:9).
- Community Core Value: Pursue Relationally

WHAT ACCOUNTABILITY IS NOT:

"STOP IT!"

- Shaming or penalizing each other into behavior modification
- Legalism and condemnation
- Self-help or fixing each other
- The real "secret" to living a sin-free life