

ACCOUNTABILITY TOPICS AND QUESTIONS

Below are the six accountability areas we ask you to prioritize as Life Group leaders. We see health and growth in these areas as fundamental to being a fruit-bearing follower of Jesus (John 15:1-5).

Your group may develop a love for discussing one area over another and need to focus on that area. Stay disciplined, however, to ask about the other categories as well, because all of these areas are important to health and growth in our Christian lives.

Below are seed questions you could ask in each category over the course of your Life Group meetings. You are not confined to ask only these questions: let them serve as a guide.

SIN

- Do you know what sin is? Do you easily and quickly recognize when you sin, or do you believe you are blind to a lot of your sin?
- What in your life would you sin to get and sin if you don't get it? Why? The answer to why will help you identify source idols for your surface-level sins.
- Do you know sin hurts your relationship with God? In what ways is this true?
- How have you sinned against God this week?
- Do you have patterns of sin? What are some of your triggers? What have you/are you doing to address this pattern?
- Do you have any life-dominating sins right now?
- Do you know the killing sin process?
- Have you repented of your sins this week? If so, how often? How long from the time of the sin committed do you repent? If you haven't repented, why not? (See step one of the Killing Sin Process – Appendix A).

COMMUNING WITH GOD

- Is your love for Jesus growing?
- What are you learning in your relationship with God as you learn about him and walk with him?
- Are you reading your Bible regularly? Do you understand it when you read it? If not, what confuses you?
- What is God teaching you right now from your time in the Word?
- Are you praying regularly? If so, daily? How can you increase your time in prayer? If not, how come? What stops you? Do you know how to pray? Would you like me to teach you?
- Are you actively seeking to obey God's commands?
- Are you actively seeking to kill your sin?

SERVING THE CHURCH

- Are you a member of the church? If not, why not? What is stopping you?
- Are you serving the church? If so, in what area? If not, why not? What is stopping you? How is it going?
- Do you feel like you are using your spiritual gifts?
 - Do you know your spiritual gifts?
 - Look up the following spiritual gift passages of the Bible and try and identify your own and each others' gifts; discuss this openly in the group:
- Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4; 1 Peter 4.
- How can you get better at your area of service?
 - Can you do more?
 - Are you doing too much?
 - Are you doing it for the Lord?
 - Are you intentionally doing it for the Lord during the actual serving?
 - How is your attitude while you are serving?
- Who can you ask to serve with you? Serving together is a great aspect of discipling someone else.

MARRIAGE AND PARENTING

- Is your marriage in a healthy place right now? What makes you think so? Would your spouse agree?
- Men only: How is it going with leading your wife spiritually and loving her sacrificially (Eph. 5:22-33)?
 - What are you doing that has blessed her in these areas?
 - What are you struggling with in these areas?
- Women only: How is it going with respecting your husband and submitting to His leadership (Eph. 5:22-33)?
 - What are you doing that has blessed him in these areas?
 - What are you struggling with in these areas?
- Are you regularly leading times of family worship (reading the Bible, praying, and singing together)? If so, what do you do? If not, what is stopping you?
- Are you discipling your kids through formative and corrective discipline?
 - What are you doing to teach them the faith?
 - How is it going with expecting first-time obedience from your younger kids?
 - Are you increasingly giving your older kids more responsibility and more freedom?
 - In what ways can we pray for your kids? For you as you parent them?
- What have you intentionally done lately to serve your spouse/children selflessly?

EVANGELISM

- Are you sharing your faith with anyone right now? If so, how is it going? If not, what is stopping you?
- Do you feel like you are living intentionally as a Christian witness in everyday life? If so, how? If not, why not? What is stopping you?
- Can you think of one-to-three people that you know who don't know the Lord to pray for tonight? Write them down and pray for them together as a group. Help participants set a "date goal" for sharing the gospel. Hold them accountable to that date.
- Read Colossians 4:2-4 and pray the following based on those verses:
 - Opportunities to share the gospel.
 - Courage to take those opportunities.
 - Clarity for what to share.

CULTIVATING DISCIPLE-MAKERS

- Who are you discipling right now?
 - How's it going? What are you doing to disciple them?
 - Are you following the Redeemer Path of Discipleship in your discipling?
 - If not, why not? What is stopping you?
- How can you grow as a disciple-maker?
- What holds you back from discipling others? How do you remove that obstacle?