

NOTES

THE ENGINE OF ACCOUNTABILITY

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GALATIANS 5:22-6:10

What is an accountability partner?

Partners _____.

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How to Find a Partner

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

1. ICEBREAKER: What person in your life has helped you improve the most (in any area)?
2. Read Galatians 5:24-6:10 out loud. Take a couple minutes for each person to make observations about the passage. Any kind of repeated word/idea, truth about God, striking detail, or question is good. But in particular, you should note the actions that Paul says we should take. Go around the group and share a few of your observations with each other.
3. In Galatians 5:22-24, it gives a picture of what the results of spiritual growth looks like. What would be different about your life if more of this was happening?
4. What does it mean to "keep in step with the Spirit" (Galatians 5:25)?
5. What are the three elements of healthy accountability? Why do you need all three? What happens if one is missing?
6. Pastor Clayton identified several traps that are easy to fall into. What were they? Why are these traps more dangerous if you do not have a partner? How do partners help you avoid/get out of them?
7. Which of these traps do you find most dangerous for you?
8. What does Paul tell us to do when someone is caught in sin (Galatians 6:1)? How is that different from what we normally do? How do accountability partners do this for us?
9. When holding someone accountable, what are the two, opposite pitfalls to avoid when addressing sin and temptation?
10. Paul says, "Carry each other's burdens" (Galatians 6:2). List as many examples as you can of how Christians can do that for each other.
11. How would someone carry burdens for their accountability partner?
12. What does it mean to "sow to please the flesh" and "sow to please the Spirit" (Galatians 6:8)? What are the results of those two things?
13. How does an accountability partner keep you sowing to the please the Spirit?
14. What should our next steps as a group be in the area of accountability?
15. For you individually, what is your next step in making sure you have healthy spiritual partners in your life?

PRAYER PROMPT: Share one area where you could use some accountability in your life. After each person shares, have someone else in the group pray for them. Then have the next person share.