



THE RELATIONAL DISCIPLE

BEING ACCOUNTABLE TO ONE ANOTHER

Being accountable to one another.

Discipleship groups purpose: Each member being transformed into the image of the Son.

Key Truth: None of us are to be lone rangers on this journey in Christ's kingdom.

Read: When we hear the word accountability what thoughts come to mind? What feelings come to mind? Do we have positive or negative experiences to being held to an account of something? So often in the body of Christ, accountability has and is being used to keep people from sinning. We ask people to hold us to an account about the areas in our lives which we may be struggling in and this when done in love is great.

But what about holding one another accountable, in love, to falling in love with Christ? What about holding one another to account in loving one another and walking this kingdom journey out together? What about holding one another account to keeping our eyes on Christ and Christ alone? This posture is the posture we all need to be able to live the life we have been called to.

Far too many people in the body of Christ want to be able to walk this journey alone and not be held accountable to anything. We hear words like "it's just me and Jesus". The only problem with this is, this is not how God has created us or created us to live. We are not to live as lone rangers as followers of Jesus.

The problem for some in the body is that we have had bad experiences of being held accountable to others and this has caused hurt and offence. We must allow God into these areas and heal us, as we can't let our past determine our future, and continue to let our past define His way for us to live.

Galatians 6:1-2

¹ Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.

Ephesians 5:21

And be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

Questions:

1. Share a positive experience of someone walking with you and holding you to a particular aspect of your relationship with Christ?
2. Why is accountability to God and one another so essential in the body of Christ?
3. How natural does accountability come to you?
4. Why do people shy away from accountability?
5. How did Christ's life model accountability?

Pray and encourage one another to press in to all God has for us.