

NCCF Accountability Group - Guidelines

How are Accountability Groups set up?

Accountability Groups consist of designated bite-size associations of men and women established to promote genuine “one-anothering” (Romans 12:10; Ephesians 4:25-32; etc.). The number of groups as well as individual group assignments is based on factors such as geographic locality, children, personality mix and so forth.

These groups include families as well as singles. Each group is viewed as a unit and we encourage a whole group family-style monthly meeting for a shared meal (dinners, cookouts, etc.; round-robin hosting works well; set up the meal plans however it suits you).

These groups are also designated as “Men’s AG” and “Women’s AG”. This provides for adult fellowship and encouragement along gender lines. Meeting together in this gender based grouping is important for success.

When do Accountability Groups meet?

A facilitator will work with the members of the group on the best time for everyone in the group, but for ease of scheduling, we have left the week of the 4th Wednesday open to meet with your group. This last week of the month is merely a provision – you can meet whenever you wish as long as it does not interfere with other body life forums.

What is the Purpose of Accountability Groups?

The specific goal of these groups is to facilitate mutual accountability in the bonds of Christian brotherhood. As men and women, we face unique responsibilities, opportunities, challenges and temptations. It is good to know that someone else is taking personal responsibility to encourage, admonish and generally watch our back in these matters. Remember, the group is not the meeting - it is the relationships which the meetings help to establish.

“Oil and perfume make the heart glad, so a man's counsel is sweet to his friend ... Faithful are the wounds of a friend.” Proverbs 27:6, 9

What are Accountability Group Roles?

- **Facilitator:** The facilitator makes sure things are generally happening (contacts, meetings, openness, focus)
- **Participants:** Proactively develop and maintain relationships with each other

“And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.” Galatians 6:9

What are Some Basic Activities of an Accountability Group?

Contacting each other personally at least once weekly

- ✓ Meeting together for prayer/fellowship at least once monthly
- ✓ Praying for each other regularly
- ✓ Maintaining openness and honesty
- ✓ Pursuing faith, hope, love

“Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.” 2Timothy 2:22

What are Some Elements of Focus and Enquiry?

- Regular personal prayer with God
- Regular bible reading
- Personal integrity
- Family leadership
- Sexual purity
- Body life involvement
- Personal witness / testimony / evangelism
- Giving and good works

“Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the LORD your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you.” Deuteronomy 31:6