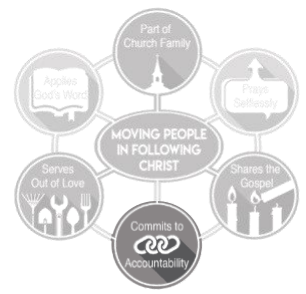


LIFE GROUP SESSION: ACCOUNTABLE (session one)



MESSAGE SUMMARY

Matthew 25:14-30

God is the starting point for our accountability. He commits to us through covenant and we can count on Him to fulfil His promises, to come return to earth & restore all things.

God has entrusted us with His Kingdom, His Spirit and His mission. He commits to us in covenant and entrusts with the mission, even though He knows we can't fulfil it in our own strength.

We need to keep coming back to grace! It is only through Jesus that we are saved and that we can live our lives for Him.

We need to keep coming back to the church family. We are the body of Christ, we cannot exist without each other. We need to commit to each other and allow others into our lives. We are being counted on, as we all need the body of Christ (*see 1 Corinthians 12*).

We can trust on God. We need to learn to trust each other. God has bought this body together for a reason, no part is indispensable.

We need to develop relationships of trust, where we are counted on, but also where we can be counted on to encourage, support, challenge, care, love and pray for each other.

DISCUSSION

ICE BREAKER: In what situations in life do you love accountability? What makes you dislike it?

READ: Matthew 25:14-30

- **In the passage, why does the man with one talent hide it? What makes us do the same?**
Important note: talent in the passage isn't a skill, it is a unit of currency (NIV translates it as 'bag of gold'). While skills & gifts are given to us and we can use them / not use them for God, we also need to recognise our other resources (time, money, possessions, etc.)
- **Skim through the context (Matthew 24-25). Jesus is talking to his disciples about the end times (Matthew 24:3-4). The main message is for the disciples to be prepared and not be lead astray. Jesus promises to return, we can count on this. How does this affect our lives and what other promises can we count on?**

READ: 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

- **Do you have in your life that you are accountable to?** (*Especially in terms of your spiritual growth and walk with God*) **How can you improve this relationship?**
- **How can you all as a Life Group be more accountable to each other and grow in your relationships to you can count on each other?**

Decide on one thing that you can seek to improve or implement in your life to grow closer to God this week. Note them down and keep each other accountable, encourage each other through the week and pray.

PRAY: Pray that God will continue to help foster relationships of trust within our church family, where we can commit to each other and count on one another. Pray that we would all continue to grow closer to God and together we can help each other on that journey.