Spiritual Disciplines

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**Leader Discussion Guide**

**Spiritual Discipline: Accountability**

1. In your own words, how would you define the spiritual discipline of accountability?
2. Why is accountability necessary for the Christian life?
3. Accountability is a state of willingness to give reasons for our actions, clarity into our thoughts, motives, and heart. It is to be responsible for our character as Christians. Accountability is also a state of being receptive to another party with whom we are accountable to.
	1. How are you being accountable in your daily walk with the Lord?
	2. What Christian people in your life truly know you, your habits, your desires, your sin struggles, etc?
	3. If you’re not in accountability, what is stopping you?
	4. To those who have experienced deep accountability, share with the group how the Lord has used this to shape and mold you?
4. Read Matthew 25:14-30
	1. In order for the righteous servants to double their talents, they would have had to embrace the spiritual discipline of accountability. However, the wicked servant would have not embraced accountability.
		1. Do you ignore the commands of God in your life? Why or why not?
		2. Do you have an attitude toward God that he is a hard man?
		3. Do you grumble against God for giving you unpleasant circumstances?
			1. Do you see how this practice can reveal a part of us that is mistrusting toward God?
			2. How can we use accountability to help us grow in this?
			3. If we do not grow in righteousness, what can that reveal about our faith?
5. Why is being teachable a very important quality in someone who is asking for accountability?

\*\*End in discussion & prayer. Encourage group members who aren’t accountable to start to take steps to be accountable. Identify what steps should be taken and help them be accountable to make those small steps.\*\*