Being Accountable

Being accountable to other Christians is a powerful way to bring important changes in our lives. A small group is a perfect place to discover the benefits of accountability. This list of topics gives each person an opportunity to choose for themselves what particular changes they need help with. Choose one or more of these topics or create your own, and tell the group which topic(s) you have chosen. You can elaborate as much or as little as you wish. It might be a good idea to record what you choose and what others have chosen. After everyone has chosen their topic, two things will happen:

- (1) You will be able to pray for everyone between meetings based on their particular need for accountability.
- (2) You will be asked at the next meeting how things went with the particular topics you brought up at the previous meeting.
- 2 basic "rules." First, feel free to pass. Second, what is shared is confidential.
- 1. DEVOTIONAL LIFE: I want to spend more time in prayer and Bible study.
- 2. PRAYER: I intend to pray for everyone in this group.
- 3. RELATIONSHIPS: I want to improve my relational life by...
- 4. INTEGRITY: I want to maintain my integrity in a certain area of my life by...
- 5. SIN: A certain sin has been plaguing my life lately. I want to gain control over it by...
- 6. SPIRITUAL GOALS: There are certain spiritual goals I wish to accomplish this week, such as ...
- 7. FINANCIAL: I want to improve my financial commitment to God's work by...
- 8. SERVICE: I want to demonstrate a servant's heart this week by...
- 9. WORK: I want to treat my coworkers as people loved by God by...
- 10. FAMILY: I want to do something significant with my family, such as ...
- 11. STRUGGLES: I want to improve the way I handle disappointments and struggles by...
- 12. THANKFULNESS: When good things happen, I want to thank God for them by...
- 13. PERSONAL NEEDS: I want to take care of myself by addressing the following need in my life:
- 14. SPIRITUAL LIFE: I want to spend a certain amount of time with God this week in the following way:
- 15. COMPASSION: I want to show more compassion for people by...
- 16. SPEECH: I want to control my tongue in the following way:
- 17. CHARACTER: I want to be a virtuous person in all my actions and avoid any hidden motives.
- 18. RELATIONSHIPS: I want to enhance my relationship with my friend/significant other by...
- 19. FAMILY DEVOTIONS: In addition to personal devotions I want to have a devotional time with my family (or other special person).
- 20. CHILDREN: I want to enhance my relationship with my children by...
- 21. LUST: I want to avoid looking at any woman/man in an unedifying manner.
- 22. SPIRITUAL GOALS: I want to improve my relationship with Christ by...
- 23. TEMPTATION: I want to avoid certain temptations this week by...
- 24. SPIRITUAL GOALS: I want to worship in church this week. I want to make a special effort to honor Christ in my worship by...
- 25. FAITH: I want to share my faith with others by. . .
- 26. THOUGHTS/FEELINGS: I am struggling with certain thoughts/feelings and want to gain control over them by...
- 27. SERVICE: I want to do the following for someone this week:
- 28. CHARACTER: I want the "visible" part of me that everyone sees to be consistent with the "real" me by...
- 29. CHARACTER: I want to keep the promises which I have made, including the promise to ...
- 30. HEALTH: I want to maintain control over what goes into my body by...
- 31. SPIRITUAL GOALS: The fruit of the Spirit which I want to incorporate in my life is ...