

Discovery Community Church – Small Group Discussion Guide

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Luke 11:45-54

INTRODUCTION

- What does the word “accountability” make you think of, positive or negative?

DISCUSSION

Have a volunteer read Luke 11:45-54 and Luke 6:42.

- What does Jesus accuse the experts of the law of doing, or not doing, in this passage? What do you think would make them believe they were justified in their behavior?
- Where do we most often see hypocrisy play out in public? What do you think makes people comfortable with behaving in unjust, immoral, or hypocritical ways?
- What is Jesus talking about in Luke 6:42? Why are we sometimes quick to see the specks in other people’s eyes, while remaining blind to the planks in our own eyes?
- When was a time someone pointed out an area of sin, hypocrisy, or immorality in your life? Who were they to you, and how did you receive it?
- 1 Corinthians 11:31 says “But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged.” Is this possible for us? What would make it possible for you to always judge yourselves rightly?

Have a volunteer read James 5:16 and Proverbs 28:13.

- What do these verses tell us to do with our sin? Why is concealing sin harmful? Why is confessing hard?
- Is confessing to each other a requirement of salvation? If not, then why should we do it? What does public confession do for us personally, and what does it do for those who hear our confessions?
- How has being held accountable by people who know you well made a difference in your life? How has it helped you grow personally? How has it helped you hold others accountable?

APPLICATION

- Is there an area of sin or secrecy in your life that you need freedom from? Who could you call on this week for support and accountability?
- Do you need a regular accountability partner to support you in an area of ongoing struggle? What step could you take toward finding that partner?
- How can your group be praying for you?