



What if you could make
all the time you need?

GETTING THE GROUP TOGETHER

Do you have a funny story of when you were called out by someone or when you wished someone corrected you? (e.g. broccoli in your teeth, or shirt on inside out)?

Who is someone that you trust to lovingly call you out when you are in the wrong? Who is someone that trusts you? Do you find balancing the love and accountability difficult? What is your approach to keeping a loved one accountable without being permissive or demanding?

TIMING YOURSELF

Who is someone that you *should* be accountable to and in what ways should you be accountable to them? How can you and they become invested in each other?

Share with the group something that they can hold you accountable with. It doesn't have to be big and shouldn't if your group is new. It also doesn't have to be something that corrects a negative behavior, it could be encouraging you to nurture a positive behavior or gifting that you've demonstrated in the past or that your group relies on for your group's particular gifting. Write down the ways your group is keeping each other accountable and pray for each other.

THIS WEEK'S GROUP METHOD BIBLE STUDY

GATHER

Welcome back, everybody! We're glad you're all here!
Let's get started with praying together.

READ

Have someone read Ecclesiastes 4:9-16 out loud.

OBSERVE

Ecclesiastes is a notoriously challenging book and known for being a bit of a downer. This passage is no exception. It is in the Wisdom genre (like Proverbs, Psalms, and Job), but unlike Proverbs it is more challenging. So write down your thoughts, your questions, the points you might disagree with or be confused by. How could you apply this passage to your life? Is the Holy Spirit nudging you to share something about this passage with someone else in your group?

UNDERSTAND

The challenge of reading Ecclesiastes becomes a strength in a group setting. When reading alone you are left to wrestle with confusing questions. But now that you are reading together, you can voice your questions. Seek out answers together, challenge each other, and keep each other accountable to a deeper understanding AND application of this passage.

And don't forget to know that this passage is about working together. It is impossible to apply alone. So it is a good thing you've got a group already!

PRAYER

Invite God into your group, invite God to speak to you through the passage AND through those in your group, and pray that God would unite your group with him and each other.