

**Power of Accountability**  
Core Group Discussion Guide  
June 4, 2017

**Message Overview:**

This message will be the final message in our series through Philemon. In this message we will look at one of the essential truths of great relationships: people in great relationships are accountable to one another. Good relationships are those in which people are walking together toward similar goals. Not only are they walking toward a shared goal, but they are vulnerable and open with each other as they seek to help each other achieve those goals. When we experience this dynamic, we are spurred on and encouraged to continue growing. This message will seek to help us understand how to cultivate healthy kinds of accountability that cause relationships to flourish.

**Text:**

- Philemon 22
- Galatians 6:1-2

**Questions for Discussion:**

1. What stood out to you this morning?
2. Read Galatians 6:1-2
  - a. What factors would cause you feel brave enough to follow the instructions of this verse if you saw another church member trapped in sin? (It might be helpful to have the class come up with a specific sin a church member might be caught in)
3. Read James 5:16
  - a. Do you understand this as a scriptural command or suggestion?
  - b. What factors would cause you to feel brave enough to live out the instructions in this verse?
4. Read 2 Samuel 12:1-13
  - a. Have someone imagine and tell an alternative version of David's life if no one had confronted David about his sin.
  - b. Do you think Nathan was nervous about delivering his message? Why or why not?
  - c. What do you think it was about David that caused him to immediately acknowledge his wrongdoing?
  - d. How do we develop the kind of heart posture that is able to hear God through others?