



# NEXT LEVEL

## SESSION 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY

### SERIES BIG IDEA

Next Level friendships help us grow in our relationship with God.

### MESSAGE BIG IDEA

Next Level friendships mature with accountability.

### SCRIPTURE: GALATIANS 2:11-14

### ICEBREAKER AND OPENING THOUGHT

These questions are designed to get the group talking and thinking about the topic of accountability. The opening thought may help the group tease out the difference between unwanted criticism and true accountability.

### BIBLE DISCUSSION

This confrontation started because Peter (or Cephas) was discriminating against and excluding Gentiles or non-Jewish people from the meals they were sharing. Even though God had already told Peter not to exclude people because of their ethnicity, Peter didn't change his behavior until Paul confronted him to his face.

Had this gone unaddressed the early church may have been divided along the racial lines of Jew and Gentile. The effectiveness of the mission would have suffered, and the church might look completely different today.

### LIFE APPLICATION

Use these questions to get your group thinking about the ways they may be resistant to inviting other people into their lives to help them continue to grow in their walk with God. Challenge one another to think about the areas of life that could use the help of a friend or two. It may help to divide the group into smaller groups or by gender depending on the nature of your group. Make sure you walk the group through the three questions in the challenge below so each person has a clear idea of what it means to invite someone into their lives to help them grow.

### CHALLENGE

As you think about inviting someone into your life to help you watch yourself, it may help to ask these three questions:

1. What do I want more or less of in my life?
2. Who do I trust to help me watch myself?
3. What am I specifically asking them to do?

As you ask these questions and invite people into your life, know that God will transform your life and as a result transform your relationships. He longs for us to enter into deeper relationships with one another so that he can take us to the next level.