

**Next Level | Week 3 - Accountable Friends****Message Big Idea**

Next Level friendships mature with accountability.

**Scripture**

Galatians 2:11-14, Ephesians 5:21, Proverbs 27:6 and Proverbs 27:17

**Points to Keep In Mind**

1. In Galatians 2:11-14, Peter (also known as Cephas meaning “stone”) started discriminating against and excluding the Gentiles or non-Jewish people from meals even though God had already told Peter not to do this (Acts 10:14 & 10:28). Paul sees this is happening and knows it is wrong. So, he confronts his friend and holds Peter accountable for his actions wandering from the truth. Since Peter and Paul remained friends and ministry partners, we can assume that Peter responded positively to Paul’s accountability. If Paul had not held Peter accountable for his wandering actions, might the early church have split apart into Jewish and Gentile factions? Allow your group to consider what might have been.
2. Proverbs 27:6 shows us that accountability often involves speaking and receiving hard words, but when they come from a trusted friend we can know that the motivation is love and them wanting the best for us. Accountability is about hard words, not harsh words.
3. We’ve seen these You+ conversations have a tremendous impact on the lives of those who have had them. If some of your group members missed Sheryl’s story from this past Sunday, you can find it within the message on our YouTube channel at [youtube.com/@cmmntycc](https://youtube.com/@cmmntycc).

**Additional Questions and Resources**

1. Where do you see God at work in your life right now?
2. What next steps do you feel called to take in your faith journey?
3. Have you considered getting baptized? [communitychristian.org/baptism](https://communitychristian.org/baptism)
4. What have you been learning from the Community Daily? [communitychristian.org/daily](https://communitychristian.org/daily)
5. If someone is seeking professional counseling, you can always refer them to our resource page: [communitychristian.org/mentalhealth/](https://communitychristian.org/mentalhealth/)
6. Find out more about having a YOU+ conversation by visiting: [youplus.info](https://youplus.info)
7. How have you been able to BLESS others recently? (B-begin with prayer, L-listen, E-eat, S-serve and S-share your story)