

REUNION GROUPS

What is a reunion group and why do we need them? Reunion Groups consist of a small group of people dedicated to living a Christian life style and willing to make themselves accountable to one another by meeting regularly and being open and honest with one another as a means of achieving that goal.

Why should we be accountable and to whom? Many times I have heard "it's between me and Jesus" but does Scripture back that up?

In searching the Scriptures it is evident that we are called into community - not just for worship, Sunday School and church dinners but to develop the relationships that make us willing to be accountable to one another for living a life that professes Christ in our every action.

We are currently accountable in so many ways: we are accountable to our employers to be on time; to provide good service - basically to do our jobs. We are accountable to our families; to honor our parents; to care for our children; to pull our own weight at home; to pay the bills. We are accountable to our communities; to look out for the common good; to be good citizens; to follow the laws. Most importantly, we are accountable to God. To live as He lived; to love as He loved; to serve as He served. That is a tall order. Is anyone helping you to fulfill it?

Are you living as He lived, loving as He loved and serving as He served? Who asks you about it? What are your priorities? How is your piety? Are you reading the Bible? How is it being played out in your life? It is so easy to get sidetracked or to walk through life with blinders on. So What? That is where accountability groups (reunion groups) come into play.

Do you participate in a reunion group? Would you be willing to start one at your church, in your home, at a coffee shop, at work? Reunion groups can be held anywhere but a good place to start is at church. If there isn't one at your church, then start one. Reunion groups can be as small as 2 people but being larger than about 8 people would primarily change its status to a Gathering as there should be time for each person present to share the following in a Reunion Group:

- Call to discipleship (when in past week did you feel you were responding to God's call on your life?)
- Discipleship Denied (when was your faith tested this past week/)
- Your Plan (what is your plan for spiritual study and action for the upcoming week)
- Prayer Concerns

Reunion Groups helps each of us fulfill our accountability to God and to each other. If you have a reunion group and would be willing to share with me when you meet and how often, that would be great. Also, do you have space for others to join you (less than 8 people in your group). There may be those within your area that are searching for a place to belong.

Do you have regular gatherings for Emmaus and/or Chrysalis at your church or in our community? If so, please let me know that as well so that we can post your information on the web in order for others to know they would be welcome to come and participate in your gatherings.

We are all in this together. Let's communicate what is available.

Thanks and may the grace and peace of our Lord be with you. De Colores!

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