More time spent with fewer people leads to greater lasting impact for the Kingdom of God.

BSU Christian Challenge
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Study Series

Accountability: Seeking and Offering Personal Accountability

1. In your thinking, what does it mean to be accountable? ________________________

2. Can you think of any good reasons why a believer should not be accountable? List them. __________________________________________________________

3. What are some of the possible advantages to being accountable? ________________

4. Can you think of any disadvantages? ____________________________

5. What would you guess are the main obstacles that prevent believers from being willing to be accountable? ____________________________

CASE STUDY: SAUL
1. Read 1 Samuel 15:1-35
2. What were Saul’s sins? __________________________________________

3. Put yourself in Saul’s shoes. What do you think he was thinking? Why did he keep some of the spoils? ____________________________

4. What was Saul commanded to do? How flexible was God’s command? ________________

5. How did Samuel rebuke him? ______________________________________

6. How did Saul respond to Samuel’s rebuke? (See vv. 13, 15, 20)
   a. Was there truth in what Saul said? Was there deceit? ____________________________
b. Who did Saul blame?

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c. What does it mean to rationalize?

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7. What should have been Saul’s response to the rebuke? (See 15:24, 30)

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8. What was it that caused Saul to finally admit that he had sinned? Was it too late?

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9. Do you find yourself acting like Saul sometimes? Why?

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CASE STUDY: DAVID
1. Read 2 Samuel 11:1-17
2. What were David’s sins?

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3. Put yourself in David’s shoes. What was he thinking? Why did he take Bathsheba? Why did he have Uriah killed?

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4. What should he have done?

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5. Read 2 Samuel 12:1-14
   a. How did Nathan rebuke David?

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   b. How did David respond? See Psalm 51 also.

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6. Compare Saul’s attitude with David’s.
   a. Which are you most like? Explain.

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   b. What needs to happen for you to become more like David when receiving correction? See Psalm 141:5.

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CASE STUDY: SAMUEL AND NATHAN
1. What obstacles do you think they faced?

2. What observations can you make about their attitude toward the ‘sinner.’

3. What advice do you think they would give you in holding a friend accountable?

SUMMARY
1. In the end, what was the difference between Saul and David?

2. What would keep you from seeking accountability?

3. What would keep you from offering accountability?

4. What will you do in the next week to initiate your plan for seeking/offering accountability?

MEMORIZE – Psalm 51:1

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