

Men's Mentoring Discussion Guide

Brotherhood & Accountability — More Than Friendship

Purpose:

To help men move from surface-level connection to **biblical brotherhood** marked by honesty, mutual accountability, and shared life in Christ. [1](#)

Key Truth:

Men do not grow in isolation — they grow in brotherhood. [1](#)

1. Opening

Welcome & Prayer

- What's shared here stays here
- No fixing, preaching, or shaming
- Speak honestly; listen respectfully
- Grace and truth walk together

Opening Prayer

Ask God to create a space of **safety, truth, and humility**.

2. Teaching Recap

Biblical brotherhood is not:

- Just friendship or banter
- Shared hobbies only
- Convenience-based connection

Biblical brotherhood is:

- Rooted in our shared identity in Christ (Romans 12:5)
- Honest and safe (James 5:16)

- Mutually accountable, not controlling (Hebrews 10:24) [1](#)

3. Discussion Section 1

Brotherhood Rooted in Christ

Read: Romans 12:5; John 13:34–35 [1](#)

Discussion Questions:

1. What's the difference between *belonging to Christ together* and just being friends?
2. Why do you think men often avoid deeper spiritual brotherhood?
3. The notes say: "*We don't use one another — we belong to one another.*"
 - What does that look like practically?

Reflection Prompt:

Where have you chosen convenience over commitment in relationships with other men?

4. Discussion Section 2

Honesty Without Masks

Read: James 5:16; Proverbs 28:13; Psalm 32:3–5 [1](#)

Discussion Questions:

1. What makes honesty difficult for men in Christian spaces?
2. How do you personally "perform" instead of being real?
3. What's the difference between healthy honesty and unhealthy oversharing?

Key Insight:

Healing is connected to honesty — secrecy keeps men stuck, truth sets them free. [1](#)

Optional Quiet Reflection:

- Is there something you've been carrying alone that God may want you to bring into the light?

(No pressure to share — safety first.)

5. Discussion Section 3

Mutual Accountability, Not Control

Read: Hebrews 10:24; Galatians 6:1–2; Proverbs 27:17 [1](#)

Discussion Questions:

1. What experiences (good or bad) have shaped how you view accountability?
2. How is biblical accountability different from policing behaviour?
3. Which questions from the notes feel most challenging?
 - *What are you believing right now?*
 - *Where are your thoughts drifting?*
 - *What is God asking obedience in?* [1](#)

Group Insight:

Accountability is about **formation of the heart**, not control of behaviour. [1](#)

6. Personal Application

Individual Reflection

Ask each man to quietly consider:

- Who truly knows me beyond the surface?
- Where do I need brotherhood most right now?
- What is one step toward deeper connection?

Pair or Group Share (Optional)

Men may share **one small step**, not their whole story.

7. Challenge for the Week

Practical Challenge (Choose One):

- Invite one man for coffee and start an honest conversation

- Check in with a brother mid-week — no small talk, ask a real question
- Ask someone: *“Would you walk with me in accountability?”*

You were never meant to walk alone. [1](#)

8. Closing Prayer

Pray for:

- Courage to be known
- Grace to walk with others
- Strength to stay when it’s uncomfortable