

Church & Community Accountability Toolkit

A community accountability toolkit for belonging, honest questions, authority, safeguarding, money, conflict, repair, and transparent follow-through.

GOVERNED PRINTABLE EDITION

Acts 6:1-7 | 1 Peter 5:1-4 | Acts 17:10-12

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How to use this edition

How can a church seek faithful community without treating accountability as disloyalty?

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Use one page at a time: read the complete cited passage, name the context, answer honestly, choose one practice, and return to review fruit rather than performance.

This resource supports formation and discussion. It is not a substitute for medical, legal, mental-health, safeguarding, or other qualified professional care.

The reading and practice map

1

READ

Open the complete passage.

2

CONTEXT

Name speaker, audience, setting, and movement.

3

TENSION

Tell the truth about the lived pressure.

4

PRACTICE

Choose a concrete, accountable response.

5

REVIEW

Return to evidence, fruit, repair, and next steps.

Guided practice

Acts 6:1-7

Listen where care is unequal

The church changes its delivery structure when overlooked widows are named.

- 01 Observation: What does Acts 6:1-7 actually say before we summarize it?
- 02 Context: What covenant, literary, historical, or relational setting controls the reading?
- 03 Tension: Where could listen where care is unequal be reduced to a slogan or used carelessly?
- 04 Practice: Which action in this passage can be made concrete, safe, and accountable?

Guided practice

1 Peter 5:1-4

Leaders must not dominate

Shepherding is willing, exemplary, and accountable to the Chief Shepherd.

- 01 Observation: What does 1 Peter 5:1-4 actually say before we summarize it?
- 02 Context: What covenant, literary, historical, or relational setting controls the reading?
- 03 Tension: Where could leaders must not dominate be reduced to a slogan or used carelessly?
- 04 Practice: Which action in this passage can be made concrete, safe, and accountable?

Honest reflection before application

01 How can a church seek faithful community without treating accountability as disloyalty?

02 Which part of church & community is easiest to discuss but hardest to practice?

03 What fear, desire, habit, or power relationship could distort this work?

04 Who could be helped or harmed by the way this truth is applied?

05 What would honest fruit look like thirty days from now?

A faithful next-step plan

Choose four practices. Give each one an owner, evidence, and review date.

PRACTICE 01

Publish a conflict path

PRACTICE 05

Prohibit retaliation

PRACTICE 02

Train safeguarding teams

PRACTICE 06

Listen to overlooked members

PRACTICE 03

Use multiple financial stewards

PRACTICE 07

Set authority limits

PRACTICE 04

Preserve reports

PRACTICE 08

Report correction

Prayer, commitment, and next return

A prayer for faithful practice

Lord, give us wisdom to read truthfully, courage to practice church & community with love, humility to receive correction, and patience to review our fruit. Protect our neighbors from careless certainty. Help us carry one faithful step and return with honesty. Amen.

MY COMMITMENT

Report correction

Return date: _____ Trusted reviewer: _____