



IBE Ministries Men's Group Guidelines

Welcome, thank you for joining!

Foundational Scriptures

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."

(Prov. 27:17)

"Carry each others' burdens . . . and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ."

(Gal. 6:2)

"Be very careful, then, how you live . . ."

(Eph. 5:15)

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

(Heb. 11:24-25)

To experience true accountability, we have both the right and the responsibility to ask each other hard and to-the-point questions.

Our goal must be not just to help each other feel good, but to help each other be good.

The following questions are suggestions that may help us to check in with one another in a meaningful way.

Questions to Ask Initially and Come Back to Periodically

- What are the biggest barriers to your relationship with God?
- What are the biggest barriers to your relationship with your wife?
- What are the most serious temptations you face?
- If Satan were to wage an all-out attack on your life, what area(s) would he focus on? (What are your greatest points of vulnerability? For example, sexual impurity, financial irresponsibility, dishonesty, greed, pride, etc.)
- How can your brothers help you and pray for you?

Questions to Ask Each Other Regularly

If there's more than two or three men, not all of the following can be asked of each man each week. Even when asked, the answer may be brief. The point is not to always answer each question but to regularly bring up each area and thereby give opportunity for sharing. Don't let more than a few weeks go by without discussing any of these areas.

- **(You may wish to add questions of your own.)**

- ∞ What have you learned or memorized this week from God's Word?
 - Can you share the scriptures?
- ∞ What happened this week that put you to the test?
 - How did you respond?
- ∞ How are you doing in your relationship with God?
 - Be as specific as possible.
- ∞ How are you doing in your relationship with your wife?
 - Be as specific as possible.
- ∞ How are you doing in your relationships with your children?
 - Or parents? Other key people?
- ∞ How are you doing in your relationships at work or school?
- ∞ How are you doing with your thought life?
- ∞ Have you consistently kept your thoughts and actions pure before God?
 - If the answer is "yes", ask "Are you lying?"
- ∞ What kind of a ministry did you have this week?
- ∞ Whom did you share Christ with, either directly or indirectly?
 - Or, how did you use your gifts and resources to help the needy?
- ∞ How can the others pray specifically for you this week?
- ∞ Anything else you'd like to share?
 - Questions or issues you're dealing with?

Be sure to allow time for each others' input, for expressing your praise to God for the things He's doing, and for prayer. This need not always be long, since you'll be praying for each other during the week (right?).

We must all consciously discipline ourselves to stick with our purpose—we're not here just to chit-chat but to help each other live for Christ.

If someone is unusually quiet or tending to miss your meetings, be sure to take the initiative and encourage him to share—it may be his time of greatest need. When we don't feel like sharing or answering the questions it's often when we most need to. We must reach out to each other even when—or especially when—we sense someone drawing back.

Rules for Group

- To meet once a week via the Telegram Group Video Chat.
- Be in attendance to at the very least two meetings in the month.
- To begin each meeting with prayer.
- To speak freely of the true state of our souls.
- To bring to the light the faults we have committed in thought, word or deed.
- To discuss the temptations we have felt and faced since our last meeting.
- To end every meeting with prayer suited to the state of each person present.
- To continue in accountability with focus and dedication to Prayer and Fasting.