I Declare Week 2: Responsibility CCV Groups Discussion Guide

OPENING QUESTION:

Have you been consistent this week in the area you committed to last week? Why or why not?

GROUPS VIDEO GUIDE

READ:

<u>Acts 9:1–19</u>

DISCUSS:

- Think back to your childhood. If you heard a parent or teacher say, "You are so irresponsible," what were they likely referring to?
- What are some cultural trends that make personal accountability more challenging?
- After reading the story of Saul's conversion in Acts chapter 9, in what ways do you see Saul taking responsibility for his actions?
- How do you differentiate between what you can control and what you must leave in God's hands?
- How can community and accountability support our personal responsibility? How can this group support and challenge each other to live out our faith responsibly?

PRAYER:

Ask the group for specific areas where we need to take responsibility. Then ask God to give you self-control in each of those areas.

SCRIPTURES:

Proverbs 3:5–6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

Galatians 6:5, "For each one should carry their own load."

2 Corinthians 5:10, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad."

James 1:22, "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."

Matthew 7:3, "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?"

Proverbs 16:3, "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans."

1 Timothy 5:8, "Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."

Ephesians 2:10, "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

James 4:17, "So whoever knows the rights thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin."

Luke 12:48, "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."

2 Corinthians 5:10, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad."

James 1:2–4, "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."