

New Hope Community Church  
Small Group Handout week of February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**Genuine Accountability**

7 Traits of Highly Effective Christians, part 2

1. Take a moment and share your past (positive and negative) experiences with ‘accountability groups’.
2. Two primary aspects of a genuinely accountable life are: transparency and a decision to be open to correction. Is it easy or difficult for you to be transparent in your life? Give examples if possible. How do you respond when people correct you? What are some issues that make it difficult to be transparent and open to correction? What is the responsibility of the one who makes the correction? (Read Ephesians 4:1-6, 31-32)
3. Pastor Russ gave two examples of people from the Bible. One was wise and one was stupid when it came to transparency and openness to correction: David and Uzziah. For another example read Acts 10:9-29. What does Peter learn? Now read Galatians 2:9-10. What is Peter’s position in the church according to Paul? Read Galatians 2:11-16. Paul becomes Peter’s ‘accountability partner’ in what area? How would you respond if you were a pillar of the church and Paul rebuked you in public? These incidents happened in the order you read the passages. Years later Peter wrote about Paul. Read 2 Peter 3:14-16. How did Peter respond to Paul’s correction? (it may have taken years but he got there!)
4. Read Romans 7:15-20. Do you continue to deal with the same sin issues over and over again? How would transparency and openness to correction help in this area? Read Hebrews 10:24-25. Share how you can hold each other accountable.

Pray for each other as you close the meeting.