



CHAT Groups

- **C**heck Your Progress: Accountability Questions (45-60 mins)
- **H**ear the Word: reflect on 25 chapters you read for the previous week (5-10mins)
- **A**ct on it: put into practice reflections from reading (5-10mins)
- **T**ell Others: pray for nonbelievers (5-10mins)

A CHAT group is made up of two or three people, all of the same gender, who meet weekly for 60-90 minutes for personal accountability for their spiritual growth and development. It is recommended the group not grow past three but rather multiply into two groups of two once the fourth participant has proven faithful to the process.

A CHAT group is a simple way to release the most essential elements of a vital spiritual walk to people who need Jesus to change their lives from the inside out. This tool empowers the ordinary Christian to accomplish the extraordinary work of reproducing spiritual disciples who can in turn reproduce others.

There is no curriculum, workbook or training involved. There is no leader needed in the group. A CHAT group is the simplest form of spiritual community and provides ongoing accountability to learn, obey, and pass on spiritual truth. It incorporates the values of living a balanced spiritual life which results in the development and reproduction of disciples.

There are only two suggested qualifications for starting or joining a CHAT group:

1. *A desperate need for Jesus (Luke 5:29-32)*
2. *Faithfulness in the process itself (2 Timothy 2:2)*

Thoughts on Accountability

CHAT groups involve the sharing of an extremely personal nature. It is imperative that you come to a clear agreement of confidentiality for each other.

Use 2 Timothy 3:16 as a guide for application to your life:

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

- **TEACHING**- what we should know
- **REBUKING**- what we should avoid or stop doing
- **CORRECTING**- what we should do differently
- **TRAINING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS**- what we should begin or continue doing

Remember accountability to Scripture involves not only applying it to one's own life, but also blessing others by passing on to them what you are learning. Always consider if there is someone outside of your CHAT group you should be sharing spiritual truth with. Be specific when developing application plan, and follow up on progress in succeeding weeks.

Accountability Questions:

These questions are to be asked of one another in a weekly meeting of accountability (Proverbs 27:17). They are to stimulate conversations of character and confession of sin to God and one another in a safe environment which values honesty, vulnerability, confidentiality, and grace.

1. Did you complete the reading for the week?
2. How have your insights from last week's reading shaped the way you think and live?
3. Who did you pass your insights from last week on to and how was it received?
4. How have you seen God at work?
5. Have you been a testimony this week to the greatness of Jesus Christ with both your words and actions? (*Matthew 5:16, Acts 1:8, Acts 10:42*)
6. Have you been exposed to sexually alluring material or allowing your mind to entertain inappropriate sexual thoughts? (*Matthew 5:28, 1 Corinthians 6:18, 1 Thessalonians 4:2-5*)
7. Have you acknowledged God's ownership in your use of money? (*Proverbs 19:17, Mark 12:41-44, 2 Corinthians 9:7*)
8. Have you coveted anything? (*Exodus 10:17, Acts 20:33-35, Colossians 3:5*)
9. Have you hurt someone's reputation or feelings by your words? (*Deuteronomy 5:20, Proverbs 12:18, Ephesians 4:29*)
10. Have you been dishonest in word or action or exaggerated? (*Leviticus 19:11, Proverbs 12:22, John 8:44*)
11. Have you given in to an addictive (or lazy or undisciplined) behavior? (*1 Corinthians 10:13-14, James 4:7, 1 Peter 5:10*)
12. Have you been a slave to clothing, friends, work, school, or possessions?
13. Have you failed to forgive someone?
14. What worries or anxieties are you facing? Have you complained or grumbled? Have you maintained a thankful heart?

15. Have you been honoring, understanding, and generous in your important relationships?
16. What temptations in thought, word, or action have you faced and how did you respond?
17. How have you taken opportunities to serve or bless others, especially believers?
18. Have you seen specific answers to prayer?

Evangelistic Prayer:

Each person in the CHAT group lists two or three individuals who need the Lord's salvation. Write down the names of all those identified in the group on each card so that all of you pray for each person weekly. Keep this card in your Bible as a bookmark for your daily reading as reminder to pray.

1. Lord, I pray that You draw _____ to Yourself (*John 6:44*).
2. I pray that _____ hear and believe the Word of God for what it really is (*1 Thes 2:13*).
3. I pray that _____ seek to know You (*Acts 17:27*).
4. I ask you, Lord, to prevent Satan from blinding _____ to the truth (*2 Cor 4:4; 2 Tim 2:25-26*).
5. Holy Spirit, I ask You to convict _____ of his/her sin and need for Christ's redemption (*John 16:7-14*).
6. I ask that You send someone who will share the gospel with _____ (*Matt. 9:37-38*).
7. I also ask that You give me or _____ the opportunity, the courage and the right words to share with _____ (*Col. 4:3-6*).
8. Lord, I pray that _____ turn from his/her sin and follow Christ (*Acts 17:30-31; 1 Thess 1:9-10*).
9. Lord, I pray that _____ would put all of his/her trust in Christ (*John 1:12; 5:24*).
10. Lord, I pray that _____ confess Christ as Lord, take root and grow in faith and bear fruit for Your glory (*Rom. 10:9-10; Col. 2:6-7; Luke 8:15*).