

## SC3 DNA Training, Week 6

### ACT WITH ACCOUNTABILITY

- A. Ask the Spirit for “Next Steps”
- B. Listen and Think Biblically
- C. Share the Spirit’s Leading
- D. Invite Accountability while “Repenting Forward”

### ASK THE SPIRIT FOR “NEXT STEPS”

- A. By asking the Spirit for “Next Steps” we are not thinking years down the road, but the next few hours and days.
- B. “Next Steps”
  - 1. Throughout the Bible, the Christian Life is often described as a Journey or Pilgrimage.
  - 2. In Galatians 5 we are instructed to walk by the Spirit (v16), be led by the Spirit (v18), live by the Spirit (v25) and keep in step with the Spirit (v25).
  - 3. Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

### LISTEN AND THINK BIBLICALLY

- A. 2 Timothy 2:7 Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.
  - 1. Sit, Breathe and Ask, “Holy Spirit, what ‘Next Steps’ do you desire for me?”
  - 2. If something quickly comes to mind, capture it and reflect on the question, “Is this potential step Biblical?”
    - a. If it’s Biblical, reflect on it, commit to it and prepare to share it with your DNA.
    - b. If it’s not Biblical, go back to asking the Holy Spirit for next steps.
  - 3. If no particular “Next Steps” come to mind, Think Biblically.
    - a. If the Spirit brings something to mind while Thinking Biblically, capture it, reflect on it, commit to it and prepare to share it with your DNA.

### SHARE THE SPIRIT’S LEADING

- A. It’s possible that a DNA Member may share a “Next Step” that the other DNA Members are concerned about them taking for a variety of reasons.
  - 1. The other DNA Members may believe that a “Next Step” is sinful.
  - 2. The other DNA Members may believe that a “Next Step” is unwise.
  - 3. In both instances, it is important that concerns be shared in humility, distinguishing between “sin” and “folly”, while discussing the Scriptures together.
- B. We are emphasizing Accountability on “Next Steps” that lean towards the “near future” that the Spirit lays on the heart of each DNA member during the DNA Gathering.
  - 1. We are not recommending a long and growing list of pre-determined questions.

## INVITE ACCOUNTABILITY WHILE “REPENTING FORWARD”

- A. Hebrews 10:24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.
  - 1. We need Gospel Community to give serious mental energy to how we can live loving lives of good works.
  - 2. Not only that, we may also need to give and receive intense and even uncomfortable provocation (stirring up) to one another as well.
- B. We are “Repenting Forward” when we confess that we will need the Spirit to save us from our “old self” and “fleshly desires” if we are going to take the next steps we are feeling led to and seeking accountability for.

## EXERCISE INSTRUCTIONS

- A. Choose a Facilitator if you do not have someone who regularly facilitates.
- B. Set a timer for 5 minutes where everyone relaxes, breathes, asks the Spirit for “Next Steps”, Listens in Prayer and Thinks Biblically.
- C. As the Spirit brings “Next Steps” to mind, take notes on what you are feeling led to do and how you understand it to be Biblical.
- D. Give every DNA Member 3-5 minutes to share
  - 1. The “next step” they are feeling led to take,
  - 2. How they understand it to be Biblical,
  - 3. And the particular ways in which they will need the Holy Spirit to save them and empower them in order to faithfully obey the Spirit’s leading.
- E. Pray for each DNA Member after they share.