

“Don’t Chase the Shadows”
Colossians 2:16-23

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Follow-Through Questions

Don’t chase _____ (16-17).

Don’t chase _____ (18-19).

Don’t chase _____-made _____ (20-23).

1. What are the similarities between true accountability and chasing religious views/asinine standards/man-made solutions? What are the differences? Why is TRUE accountability effective while chasing these other options is destructive? (Use Romans 14 (specifically verse 12 and 17-19) in order to developing your answer).

2. What is accountability? Take a moment to honestly assess accountability in your life. (Ask yourself things like: Do I value it? Do I have people I truly trust? Do I spend time with these people on a regular, scheduled basis? Should I? Am I completely honest with those people? Am I confident these people are promoting my health in Christ during our accountability? Etc.) Share with your small group and family things you are edifying in your accountability (in order to encourage others, not to boast) and if you need improvement, share specific ways you will seek accountability. (This is not a time to analyze specific SIN in your life, this discussion is ONLY for the analysis of how you are being (or not) being held accountable).

3. Define discernment. Who is your authority? Discuss why discernment is so important when engaging in a culture with so many religious rules, asinine standards, and man-made solutions. Share examples of when discernment has been helpful in TRUSTING IN THE GOSPEL rather than settling for other shadows?