

GROUND RULES

WEEK 2 // BE RESPONSIBLE
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“A great marriage is the union of two great forgivers.”
— Rick Warren

Make allowance for each other's faults, and **forgive** anyone who offends you. *Colossians 3:13*

GROUND RULE #2:

Be _____ responsible _____.

You _____ own _____ what you did.

“The time promised by God has come at last!” he announced.
“The Kingdom of God is near! **Repent** of your sins and believe the Good News!” *Mark 1:15*

For I **recognize** my rebellion; it haunts me day and night.
Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight. *Psalms 51:3-4*

You commit to _____ change _____.

If you haven't committed to change, you have not taken full responsibility.

What are the steps of change?

1. _____ Acknowledgment _____ of the wrong done.

Then I **acknowledged** my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will **confess** my transgressions to the Lord.” And you forgave the guilt of my sin. *Psalms 32:5*

“We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.” — Step 1 of AA

2. Total _____ surrender _____ of your _____ will _____ to God.

“If any of you wants to be my follower, you must **give up your own way**, take up your cross daily, and follow me.” *Luke 9:23*

“Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.” — Step 3 of AA

3. _____ Consistently _____ engage _____ with the right people and disengage with the wrong.

Do not be misled: “Bad company **corrupts** good character.” *1 Corinthians 15:33*

Good company **corrects** bad character.

4. _____ Feed _____ the Spirit .

The **sinful nature** wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the **Spirit** wants. And the **Spirit** gives us desires that are the opposite of what the **sinful nature** desires. These two forces are **constantly fighting** each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions. *Galatians 5:17*

For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap **corruption**, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap **eternal life**. *Galatians 6:8*

So I say, let the Holy Spirit **guide** your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. *Galatians 5:16*

Have you taken responsibility?

To further explore and apply this message with your small group, visit **eclife.org/groups** to access this week's group discussion questions.

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Full list of events and registration is available at eclife.org's EVENTS page

Outreach Opportunity

Fill up a quart size travel bag for those traveling on a mission trip in the upcoming months. Items such as gum, hard candy, granola bar, a card with a note of encouragement and prayer make traveling so much better. To participate, email Outreach Assistant Director, Breanne Schafer at bschafer@eclife.org.

Family Rocks

A late night show style event focused on encouraging healthy dynamics for all types of families. Family Rocks will be a night of fun, laughter, entertainment, along with practical and relevant information on how to thrive as a family. Featuring special guest comedian Daren Streblow.

When: Friday, February 21, 6:30pm*–8:30pm

Where: Greenwood Campus

**Childcare opens at 6:00pm (Newborn to 6th grade)*

Father & Son Adventure

Calling all dads and their sons! We're attending an Emmanuel service together and then heading to Bankers Life Stadium to see the Indiana Pacers take on the Cleveland Cavaliers. Invite a father and son, who don't attend a church, and they can attend for free! Visit eclife.org for more details and to sign up.

When: Saturday, March 21, 3:30pm

For: Fathers (and father figures) and sons (up to 12th grade)

Night of Worship

Join us at Emmanuel's Greenwood Campus as we gather together to sing, worship, and celebrate as one church family. Doors open at 6:00pm. Small groups are encouraged to attend Night of Worship with their group as there will be no meeting space available that evening. Childcare is available.

When: Wednesday, March 18, 7:00-8:30pm

Where: Greenwood Campus