

BACK IN THE BLACK

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Study Guide

For Small Groups or Personal Bible Study

WHERE DO I GO FROM HERE? May 4 and 5, 2008

Small Group Warm Up

1. When you allow yourself a little splurge, what do you usually do or buy?

Opening Prayer

Pray a short prayer together asking the Lord to open your hearts to what He wants you to discover from this session.

Discussion Questions

2. This weekend Pastor Ben began the service with his Key Principle being the Law of Inversion and likened following God's ways to playing the "opposite day" game. Can you think of any principles we live by that God has an inverse for? Read the following for some examples.

The World says: Watch out for Number One!

God Says: Read Luke 13: 30

The World says: Get all you can in this life!

God Says: Read Acts 20: 34, 35

The World says: Don't let anyone walk over you/Revenge is the best Medicine

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God Says: Read Luke 6:29

The World says: He who has the most toys wins!

God Says: Read Matthew 6: 19, 20

The World says: When the Going gets tough the Tough Get Going

God Says: Read Psalm 91: 1-2

3. Pastor Ben talked about this being a season of life for lots of us where only God can do what needs to be done. Do you have any past experiences you can share where God accomplished something that couldn't have happened otherwise?

4. What do you need God to do for you today that only He can do?

5. The first Scripture we read this weekend at service was 2 Cor. 12:10 **For when I am weak then I am strong.** How has God worked in your life during times you felt weak?

6. Read Romans 8:28

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8: 28

What are some positive results of hard times? What good can come from them, especially where your relationship with Christ is concerned?

7. Pastor Ben gave us a few steps we can take to help us get Back in the Black:

Face Reality

Keep investing in my family

Plan your comeback

Choose transformation

Share anything you are currently doing or think you may need to do that relates to any of the above steps.

8. How can this group pray for you as you take those on?

Closing Prayer

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