COMPASSPOINT

Group Life

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THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

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Recovery Definition:

- 2 Corinthians 3:17-18
- Romans 8: 28-29
- Hebrews 12:1-3
- 2 Peter 1: 3-4

Principle 1

Realize I'm not God. I admit that I am powerless to control my tendency to do the wrong thing and that my life is unmanageable.

Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor – Matthew 5:3

We are powerless _____

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- 2 Corinthians 1: 8-9
- 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10

Although recovery includes spiritual healing and freedom, it is essentially a battle for holiness as we allow God's Spirit to transform us into His image.

Getting Connecte

1. How easy is it for you to admit that you are powerless to control your tendency to do the wrong thing and that without God, your life is unmanageable? In what ways have you come out of denial and admit that you desperately need God?

2. We attempt to play God by controlling our image, other people, our problems and our pain. In what ways do we try to control our image? How have you tried to control your problems, or your pain?

Digging Deeper

1. Read Romans 7:15-17
   What do these verses mean to you?
   How do they apply to your life?

2. Read Hebrews 12: 1-11
   What are some things that hinder you?
   How does focusing on Jesus make a difference in your struggle with sin?

3. Trying to be God is humankind's oldest problem (read Genesis chapter 3).
   Why do we desire to be in control?

4. Read Matthew 5:3; 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10
   What does spiritual poverty mean in your life? How have you experienced God's grace to be sufficient in your weakness?

Growing Together

1. As you feel comfortable share an area of recovery you are trusting God to work in making you more like Christ and would like the group to pray for.

Playing God makes us tired. Pretending we've got it all together is hard work.

Life's Healing Choices
John Baker

Notes: