

RECOVER

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1 Peter 5:5 (NIV)

HOW TO RECOVER A RELATIONSHIP:

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... "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

James 4:6 (NIV)

2. Show _____ and _____.

...Excel in showing respect for each other.

Romans 12:10 (GW)

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Philippians 2:3 (NCV)

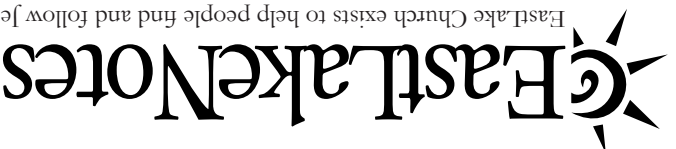
3. Own _____.

...we are each responsible for our own conduct.

Galatians 6:5 (NLT)

(MSG) The Message
(NLT) New Living Translation
(GW) GOD'S WORD Translation

(NCV) New Century Version
(NIV) New International Version
(GNT) Good News Translation



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Romans 3:23 (NLT)

4. Choose to _____.

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Colossians 3:13 (NLT)

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1 Corinthians 7:4 (MSG)

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Philippians 2:5-6 (NLT)

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Philippians 2:7 (GNT)

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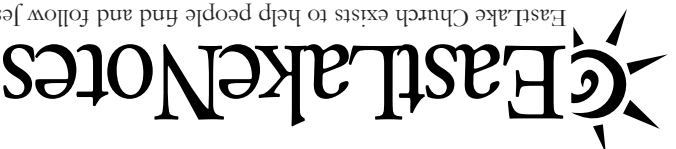
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DISCUSSION GUIDE
Week 1
February 11th & 12th, 2012

Ice Breaker:

Tell us about something you once lost but later recovered (lost kids, lost keys, lost your way, etc.).

Opening Prayer:

Father God, thank you for being persistently present and powerful enough to help us recover from our losses. We invite your help as we seek to get back and get better.

For Discussion:

Read Matthew 23:11-12, from The Message:

"Do you want to stand out? Then step down. Be a servant. If you puff yourself up, you'll get the wind knocked out of you. But if you're content to simply be yourself, your life will count for plenty."

Share one practical example of how you could improve one of your relationships through serving.

Someone recently coined the phrase "the humble brag."
(As in, "I am exhausted from my two week vacation to Hawaii.")

Share one example of a humble brag.

How can constant bragging or competition create a negative impact on relationships?

Read Philippians 2:1-4

Selfishness can kill relationships, but serving helps relationships to thrive.

If possible, give an example of how a selfish decision on your part did damage to an important relationship.

What have you found to be the best way to recover from your own selfish mistakes?

Describe the difference between constructive ambition and selfish ambition in one of these areas of relationships:

- At work
- At home
- In your neighborhood
- In your extended family

Closing Prayer:

Jesus, thank you for serving us through your life and your death on a cross. We are humbled to receive your forgiveness and your grace. In turn, help us to humble ourselves by finding ways to serve others this week.