

*Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions*

**Study Aid for the Sermon from February 28, 2010  
"Restoration"  
Luke 15:11-24**

**Observing the text**

Read 2 Corinthians 4:8-10 and make as many observations as possible.

How do these verses fit into the flow of the passage?

What are the four contrasting metaphors that Paul used to highlight God's power in 2 Corinthians 4:8-9?

What did Paul mean when he said that he was always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus?

**Applying the sermon**

What is the purpose of church discipline as spelled out in Matthew 18:15-17?

Should this process be initiated any time we believe sin has been committed? When might be a time when the process of church discipline should not be initiated?

Do you know of any professing brother or sister in Christ who is presently choosing to live a lifestyle that is more consistent with the unsaved world than with the community of the redeemed? What are you going to do about it?

How should we respond when a brother or sister in Christ repents?