

5. Read Luke 15:11-24. Is there a prodigal sin in your life presently? Are you willing to return to the Father and experience His forgiveness and celebration?

6. Read Luke 24:13-33. Have you experienced hopelessness like these two disciples? When & what? How was your eyes opened?

7. Read John 20:19-31. Can you relate to Thomas? Has your belief been restored? Why or why not? If not, ask God to restore your faith. If you are willing, God will bring you back.

Join us this week as we pray for
our Mission Team in Mexico.



BRINGING BACK

I. God pursues us for the purpose of bringing back.

(Psalms 126:1-3)

Thru Biblical R's

Restore - bring back, return, heal

Recovery - regain what was lost

Revival - come back to life

(Psalm 126:4&5)

II. God is prepared to celebrate over us.

(Luke 15:1-10, Luke 15:21-24)

III. God's presence through the church is foundational to bringing back.

(Luke 24:21-33, John 20:19-31)

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For the week of June 21, 2009

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. Though we are a throw away society we still like to bring back certain things. What are some things we like to bring back? What are some personal things you have brought back or would like to bring back?

2. Read Psalms 126:1-3. What was Israel experiencing? Have you ever been captive to something then released? What and how did you feel?

3. Read Psalms 126:4&5. Bringing back can be a painful process. Give an example of a painful process of bringing back. It doesn't have to be you. What were the struggles? Was the process worth it?

4. Read Luke 15:1-10. Do you sense Christ welcomes you? Why or why not? Is there something God wants to celebrate over you? What is it?