

Week of 1/20/08 - Personal/Small Group Study Guide
"Hope For The Hard Heart" – Exodus 32

- 1) Describe the last time you had a hardened heart. What caused it?
- 2) Describe a time when you were impatient with God. How did your impatience affect your spiritual life?
- 3) How often do you have self-pity parties?
- 4) What are 3 things that God has done for you in the past that can serve as reminders of His love for you?
- 5) Perhaps you have never melted your own jewelry to make a golden calf, but you might have allowed something in your life to become more important than your relationship with God. What are some of those things that have displaced God in your life?
- 6) Have you ever done something you thought would make you spiritually stronger and later discovered that it actually weakened your faith? If so, what was it and how did you overcome it?
- 7) What is one of the "if only" moments you've had in your life? Most recent "if only"
- 8) In what ways have you experienced the consequences of the bad decision you made?
- 9) Say/write a prayer of confession confessing those things that have separated you from God. Then ask God for forgiveness and for a fresh start.
- 10) Read Psalm 71:14-15 as a personal declaration of your attitude toward life.