

When A Colleague Falls
New York/New Jersey Meetings
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Discussion Questions

- I Who here has known a pastor, or other full-time worker, who has fallen from grace?
 - A. What happened?
 - B. How did you respond?
- II In the article “When a Colleague Falls”, the author pointed out that he had a difficult time calling colleagues who had “fallen.”
 - A. Why do we find it so difficult to call a “fallen” colleague?
 1. None of our business
 2. Don’t want to appear nosy
 3. Embarrassing
 4. Offender may not want to be contacted
 5. May interfere with discipline
 - B. What turned the author around?
 - C. Is that a lesson you need to learn?
- III In Lee’s article, he shared about two different colleagues who had “fallen.”
 - A. Who were these men and what were their stories?
 - B. If you were in Lee’s place, would you have been able to do as he did?
- IV Bill eventually returned to ministry but Don did not.
 - A. Why was Bill able to return but not Don?
 - B. What did Lee mean when he said “Some people walk so far from God in their sin that they never come back”
- V What does repentance and restoration involve?
 - A. Confessing our sin
 - B. Seeking forgiveness
 - C. Submitting to authority
 - D. Exhibiting humility
 - E. Stepping down from ministry
 - F. Remaining in accountability
 - G. Much time must pass
 - H. Does not “seek” to return to ministry
- VI Lee was able to renew his friendship with both Don and Bill. Would you have been able to do as Lee did? Why or why not?
- VII What are some of the things we can do to keep from putting ourselves at risk?
 - A. Develop a good individual friendship where you can be accountable
 - B. Join an accountability group
 - C. When meeting with a person of the opposite sex, keep door open
 - D. “Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely”
 - E. The real you is seen when no one else can see you