



## Game Over

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In the game of life, it's easy to find yourself down and heading into the bottom of the ninth. Sometimes you make a comeback. But sometimes life doesn't work out as you hoped or planned. You lose . . . and loss hurts. Where can you find hope when hope disappears?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Talk about a time when you lost in some way, small or large. How did you respond? What did you learn from the experience?
2. We live in a culture that celebrates winners. What are some of the costs—cultural and personal—of not recognizing and admiring the strength of those who persevere through loss?
3. Read Acts 7:51–60. In what ways does Stephen's death (despite his great faith) challenge your assumptions about God?
4. During the message, Dave said, "How we live in the face of a loss determines if we get to be used." Is that statement difficult for you to believe or accept? Why or why not?
5. When have you prayed for a bottom-of-the-ninth comeback in your finances, marriage, parenting, dating, or health, only to lose the game? How did that loss affect your relationship with God?
6. If you're struggling with loss right now, what can you do this week to fight, finish well, and keep the faith? How can this group support you?