

Back to Life

Taking your Elevations experience back to your hometown.

Who: Your **Elevations** group (or your entire youth group)

What: A weekend experience with a Dry Bones staff member where lessons learned in Denver are revisited and explored more deeply.

Where: Your hometown – at your church or other creative meeting place of your choice.

When: Fall or Winter of 2009

It is not our hope to create a week of fleeting “spiritual highs” or change that does not last. We desire to lead your group into new ideas, new thoughts, and practical experience in living an adventure within the Kingdom of God. This vision must be carried back to our real lives.

As we search for new and more effective ways to truly maximize your group’s **Elevations** experience, we would like to offer **Back to Life***.

A **Back to Life** weekend, led by a Dry Bones staff member, will be tailor-made to fit your needs and meet your group right where they are. Here is what **Back to Life** might look like for your group:

Friday Evening

- DB Staff member(s) arrives
- Dinner/Reunion party with the **Elevations** group

Saturday Morning

- Message/Devotional
- Discussion: we will discuss the way we currently view the world and in what ways, if any, life has changed for your group since your experience in Colorado. We will explore questions like:
 - In what lasting ways do you feel God has changed your vision for school, work, people, and life?
 - Have you discovered *adventure* at home in the last few months? What has that looked like?
- Prayer and ministry brainstorming

Saturday Afternoon/Evening

- The afternoon and evening is very flexible. We can get as creative as you want. Here are a few ideas:
 - Your own “Turf Tour” – schools, workplaces, neighborhoods of poverty, those experiencing injustice in your city, etc.
 - While on this tour, we will spend time praying and discussing ministry opportunities. A Turf Tour in your city will be a great way to encourage your group to see their world with new and fresh eyes, notice the marginalized in local neighborhoods, and ask God to continue helping us see the world as He sees it.
 - Group service together.
 - We will locate a group that focuses on serving the marginalized of your city and join them. We will serve alongside them and learn from them for an afternoon. Or, perhaps we will come up with our own creative idea together and go do it. The idea will be to look for the “dance” and join in as a group.

Saturday Night

- Debrief (with the entire church family or just youth group):
 - Testimonies
 - Discussion groups
 - Q & A time
 - Message/Devotional
 - Worship and prayer

Sunday Morning

- The Dry Bones staff member will be happy to speak to the Sunday morning assembly or to a Bible class if you would like. We'll be prepared to give a message about the mission of Dry Bones, experiences that their kids had with us, and share inspiring stories of love.

*If you are interested in **Back to Life**, there is no additional cost to the **Elevations** program fee. However, we do ask that you provide travel compensation and make housing arrangements for the weekend. Please feel free to contact Dry Bones if you have further questions. Thanks for serving alongside us this summer. We look forward to the possibilities of this opportunity with you.