- 1.) Can you think of someone you did NOT want to confess sin or failure to because you knew how they always responded to others who failed them?
- 2.) Can you think of someone you feel safe sharing struggles and failures with? What is it about them that makes you willing to do that? In what ways do they reflect the character of God to you?
- 3.) If God's kindness is meant to lead us to repentance (Romans 2:4), then what are the reasons we so often are defensive and in denial about our sins rather than freely confessing?
- 4.) Will mentioned several biblical pictures of the God of forgiveness (Father of the Prodigal Son, Merciful King forgiving debt, faithful/loving husband in Hosea, Jesus on the cross). Which one of these (or another) is most encouraging and comforting to you?
- 5.) What are areas in your life or specific sins where God is inviting you into repentance and experiencing his forgiveness, again or perhaps for the first time?
- 6.) What does the resurrection of Jesus on Easter teach us about Jesus' ability to forgive and the acceptability of the payment he has made for our debt? How should that impact the way you relate to God? How about the way you relate to others, perhaps particularly those who have sinned against you?

