



## **UE6: REMEMBERING PRISONERS**

### **BIBLE STUDY**

This is a Bible study for your group to use with Urban Entry's "Remembering Prisoners" video. The study is designed to be about an hour, including the opening conversation and the "Remembering Prisoners" video. Review the study and questions ahead of time to decide what material is most helpful for the purposes of your group.

If you want to use a more general discussion guide, you will find one at [www.urbanentry.org](http://www.urbanentry.org).

#### **OPENING CONVERSATION** (before watching the video):

- What thoughts/ideas do you have about people who have been incarcerated?

#### **VIDEO - 15 MINUTES**

#### **BIBLE STUDY – GLIMPSES OF GOD'S HEART** (after watching the video):

- Read Ps. 68:5-6; 146. What do these passage expose about God's heart for the vulnerable?
- How does this compare and contrast with society's view of those in prison?
- How does this compare and contrast with your view of those in prison?
- Matthew 5:7, James 2:12-14. What do these passages expose about God's heart of mercy?
- Why is it important for Christians to show mercy?
- Is it important for a society to be merciful? Why or why not?
- What would a faithful representation of God's mercy look like in the context of our justice system?
- Matthew 25:31-46. What does this passage expose about God's presence?
- How could this affect the way the church engages people who are incarcerated?
- Hebrews 13:1-3. What does this passage expose about God's perspective?
- If you were in prison how would you want the church to respond to you?
- Philemon. What does this passage expose about God's heart for redemption and restoration?
- What are some ways you and your church can remember those in prison (and their families) and advocate on their behalf?
- What are some practical things your faith community can do to support our brothers and sisters who are returning home from prison?