**Week 1**

**Group Discussion Questions**

Is there anything from the homework/teaching time you’d like to discuss?

What do you think God was trying to accomplish by allowing His people to be exiled?

For those who are parents, in what way does parenting your own children give you insight into the discipline of God?

What positive thing has come about in your life as a result of being disciplined?

What comparisons did you find between God’s people returning from exile in Ezra/Nehemiah and the story of the Prodigal Son?

We read in this study that God would bring his repentant people back even from the “farthest horizon.” What does that promise mean to you?

What do you think the difference is between simple punishment and loving discipline?