

### OPENING THE WORD

#### **Ponder:**

1. When you think of the term "Lord", what thoughts and images come to mind? What has informed your thinking to think or believe this?

#### **Discuss:**

2. What are the characteristics Peter describes in 2 Peter 3:9? What other passages come to mind that describe who he is?
3. The apologetics of our pagan culture, with some regularity do their best to defame and degrade the word of God and His character. One partial passage used is, "God visits the sins on the third or fourth generation." Read Exodus 34:6-9. What is the truth about God's character, vs 6. What is the comparison being made? And what does love require of those guilty of iniquity?
4. What if anything changes in your understanding of His Lordship based on just these few texts?
5. Think of some of the more difficult Bible text, for instance, Job. (may need to describe his story briefly) What does and did Lordship mean for him?
6. Exodus 13:16-18, John 21:18. What do these passages speak to when God leads?
7. Where do you believe God is leading in your life today? How can you know? What does the knowledge of "knowing" do for you?
8. Psalm 119:33-37, Philippians 2:3. What should our attitude, prayer and motivation be in submitting to His Lordship?
9. Share with the group your testimony of how you have and haven't submitted to the Lordship of God in your life.