

## **On a Wing and a Prayer**

### **Book Study Discussion Questions**

- 1) In chapter one, ex-inmate Chris says Freedom Fellowship's basic message to prisoners is: "We just want you to know God loves you right where you're at, right in the midst of what you're going through. He knows your past. He's already nailed it on the cross." What from your past has God nailed to the cross with Jesus? Have you left them there?
- 2) Pamela, another former inmate, created a "Let go, Let God" bag while in prison and encouraged others to write out their problems on scraps of paper and put them in the bag for God to deal with. List three things you would put into such a bag. Who can you pray with about these concerns?
- 3) Although Angel, a Freedom Fellowship volunteer, experienced a miraculous border crossing to freedom, he maintains that "Anyone who doesn't think too highly of himself can be used by God. He chooses simple people who are available." Do you know of a humble person God is using in amazing ways? How might God want to use you?
- 4) "The most important thing in any ministry is to lead people into the presence of God," says volunteer Bart, "and then let Him do whatever He wants to do." Who led you into the presence of God? Have you led anyone into "heart-to-heart contact with God"?
- 5) Regarding emotional health, ex-felon Brad says, "Some people think emotional healing is immediate, but it often takes time." What emotional healing have you experienced? Was your healing immediate or was it a longer process?
- 6) Prisoner Joseph's experience has been that "The more I put His words into my heart and the more His teaching is impressed into my mind, the less likely I am to repeat my mistakes." What mistakes would you like not to repeat? What routines or disciplines have you developed to hide His words and teachings in your heart? Who holds you accountable for these?
- 7) "Prison is one place where denominational walls come down," according to Mike, a volunteer as well as an ex-prisoner. "Inmates just believe the Bible, period." How would things be different if this were true on the "outside" as well?
- 8) "When you learn to live by the voice of God," says ex-inmate Ron, "it gets louder and louder." What do you think accounts for this phenomenon? Have you heard God's voice speaking to you recently?
- 9) Pastor Dave is convinced "Our penal system is a ripe harvest field." What aspects of prison life make this true? Who is responsible to harvest this field?
- 10) Is there a ministry like Freedom Fellowship at a jail or prison in your area? Would you be willing for God to use you there? How can you support ex-inmates trying to start new lives for themselves and their families?