**Life Group Study Guide: Loved what you heard on Sunday? Want to go deeper? The life group study guide will help you unpack what you heard on Sunday, while diving deeper into God's word.**

**CONNECT:**

* What is the craziest thing you have been asked to do?
* Have you ever made an agreement that you later regretted?

**DIGGING DEEPER:**

*Read Hosea chapter one.*

* Summarize what you read. What truths do you find about God from this passage?
* Hosea is an illustration of God’s covenant love, but what is that covenant? Read Exodus 6:6-8 and Ezekiel 16:8-14. How do these verses affect your view of what we read in Hosea?
* God’s command of Hosea to marry Gomer seems shocking. God is asking Hosea to “act out” the prophetic message that he is to deliver to the nation of Israel. Read Jeremiah 13:1-11 and Ezekiel 12:1-6 to see other instances where God asked a prophet to act out his message.
	+ What do they have to act out?
	+ What is God communicating through these actions?
	+ Why do you think God acts in this way?
	+ Does it have any implications for how we teach or share the bible today?
* In Hosea 1:10, God reveals that there will be a place and a time where the people will once again be called his children. Read Mark 1:9-11. Who is Jesus, and how does God the Father feel about him?
* Read Mark 15:33-37. What happened to Jesus’ relationship with his Father as he died on the cross?
* Read 2 Corinthians 5:21 and Galatians 3:26-27. What has Jesus’ death achieved for his people? How is the cross the “place” God pointed his people to in Hosea 1:10?

**DISCUSS:**

* Do you view sin as breaking little rules, or breaking a loving relationship? Do you find your sin as shocking as Gomer’s treatment of Hosea? What difference will this description of sin make to you this week?
* Do any of the passages from this week’s bible reading plan connect to the study you just completed?

180-Day Guided Tour of the Bible

**Reading Plan for Week of February 4th**

**Day 81 –** Ezekiel 1: In Exile

**Day 82 –** Ezekiel 2-3: Toughening Up

**Day 83 –** Ezekiel 4: Write Large and Shout

**Day 84 –** Ezekiel 37: Resurrection Time

**Day 85 –** Daniel 1: Enemy Employers

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HOSEA

HOSEA 1: THE COVENANT LOVE OF GOD

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**Hosea 1:1-2 (ESV)** *1 The word of the Lord that came to Hosea, the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel. 2When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, “Go, take to yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord.”*

THERE IS NO PERFECT LOVE STORY

HOSEA IS A DEMONSTRATION OF GOD’S COVENANT LOVE.

* HOSEA and GOMER
* GOD and ISRAEL
* GOD and ME

**Hosea 1:3 (ESV)***3So he went and took Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.*

GOD’S COVENANT LOVE SAVES US.

* GOD DOES NOT CHOOSE TO LOVE YOU BECAUSE
YOU DESERVE IT.

**Hosea 1:4-5 (ESV)***4And the Lord said to him, “Call his name Jezreel, for in just a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. 5And on that day I will break the bow of Israel in the Valley of Jezreel.”*

* JEZREEL = “GOD SOWS WITH VENGEANCE”

**Hosea 1:6 (ESV)***6She conceived again and bore a daughter. And the Lord said to him, “Call her name No Mercy, for I will no more have mercy on the house of Israel, to forgive them at all.*

* LO-RUHAMA = “NO MERCY, NO COMPASSION”

**Hosea 1:7-9 (ESV)** *7But I will have mercy on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God. I will not save them by bow or by sword or by war or by horses or by horsemen.” 8When she had weaned No Mercy, she conceived and bore a son. 9And the Lord said, “Call his name Not My People, for you are not my people, and I am not your God.”*

* LO-AMMI = “NOT MY PEOPLE”

GOD’S COVENANT LOVE SUFFERS FOR US.

* **Romans 5:8 (NIV)** *8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

**Hosea 1:10-11 (ESV*)*** *10Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered. And in the place where it was said to them, “You are not my people,” it shall be said to them, “Children of the living God.” 11And the children of Judah and the children of Israel shall be gathered together, and they shall appoint for themselves one head. And they shall go up from the land, for great shall be the day of Jezreel.*

GOD’S COVENANT LOVE CAUSES US TO BELIEVE THE BEST, AND TO SEE THE BEST, IN GOD, IN
OURSELVES, AND IN OTHERS.

WHEN I SAY “I DO” TO THE “I AM,” I BECOME
HIS BELOVED!

* I AM UNDESERVINGLY CHOSEN.

**John 15:16-17 (NIV)** *16You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. 17This is my command: Love each other.*

* I AM UNDESERVINGLY LOVED.

**Col. 3:12-14 (NIV)** *12Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.*