**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:**

* Have you ever been under terrible leadership? What was that like?

**DIGGING DEEPER:**

*Read Hosea 4:1-19 and 5:18-15*

* Summarize what you read. What truths do you find about God from this passage?
* What has broken the relationship between God and his people? What is the root cause (v 1, 6)
* What effect do the actions of God’s people have on God’s land?
* Read Romans 1:18-20 and 1:28-32. What effect does our sin have on our world today?
* What reasons do people give for the world being messed up? What kind of solutions does that lead them to?
* What do Hosea 4 and Romans 1 tell us is the problem? What do they suggest is the solution? Why does this tend to be such an unpopular answer?
* Read Hosea 4:6-13. Who is God singling out here? What were these men supposed to be doing for God’s people and what have they done instead?
* Read Hebrews 7:23-27. Who is God’s high priest today? Why is he a wonderful priest to have?
* As you read through these passages, what does a good church leader look like today? What would the mistake the priests are making in Hosea’s day look like in our modern-day culture?

**DISCUSS:**

* Are you too eager to put your trust in an earthly leader rather than Jesus as your High Priest? How can you encourage, support, and show loyalty to good, godly leaders 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 25th**

**Day 96 –**  Job 1-2: Is God Unfair?

**Day 97 –** Job 38: God Speaks to Job

**Day 98 –** Job 42: Happy Ending

**Day 99 –** Isaiah 40: Who’s in Charge?

**Day 100 –** Isaiah 52: The Suffering Servant

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HOSEA

HOSEA 4-11: GOD’S LOVE, ISRAEL’S RESPONSE

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THERE IS NO PERFECT LOVE STORY,

BUT WITH GOD THERE IS PERFECT LOVE.

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THE PERFECT LOVE OF GOD DEMANDS A RESPONSE

**Hosea 4:1-2 (ESV)** *1 Hear the word of the Lord, O children of Israel, for the Lord has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land. There is no faithfulness or steadfast love, and no knowledge of God in the land; 2there is swearing, lying, murder, stealing, and committing adultery; they break all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed. …*

**Hosea 4:12 (ESV)** *12 My people inquire of a piece of wood, and their walking staff gives them oracles. For a spirit of whoredom has led them astray, and they have left their God to play the whore… for the men themselves go aside with prostitutes and sacrifice with cult prostitutes, and a people without understanding shall come to ruin.*

**Hosea 8:4 (ESV)** *4They made kings, but not through me. They set up princes, but I knew it not. With their silver and gold they made idols for their own destruction.*

**Hosea 11:8-11 (ESV)** *8How can I give you up, O Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. 9I will not execute my burning anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and not a man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath… I will return them to their homes, declares the Lord.*

HOW NOT TO RESPOND TO THE LOVE OF GOD

**Hosea 4:16 (ESV)** 16*Like a stubborn heifer, Israel is stubborn; can the Lord now feed them like a lamb in a broad pasture?*

ONLY LISTEN TO GOD WHEN I LIKE WHAT I HEAR

**Hosea 5:1 (ESV)** *1 Hear this, O priests! Pay attention, O house of Israel! Give ear, O house of the king! For the judgment is for you; for you have been a snare at Mizpah and a net spread upon Tabor.*

ONLY COME TO GOD WHEN IN TROUBLE

**Hosea 8:1-3 (ESV)** *1“Sound the alarm! The enemy descends like an eagle on the people of the Lord, for they have broken my covenant and revolted against my law. 2Now Israel pleads with me, ‘Help us, for you are our God!’ 3But it is too late. The people of Israel have rejected what is good, and now their enemies will chase after them.*

**Hosea 5:6-7 (ESV)** *6When they come with their flocks and herds to offer sacrifices to the Lord, they will not find him, because he has withdrawn from them. 7They have betrayed the honor of the Lord, bearing children that are not his. Now their false religion will devour them along with their wealth.*

ONLY OBEY GOD WHEN IT’S TOO PAINFUL NOT TO.

**Hosea 6:4-6 (NLT)** *4“O Israel and Judah, what should I do with you?” asks the Lord. “For your love vanishes like the morning mist and disappears like dew in the sunlight. 5I sent my prophets to cut you to pieces — to slaughter you with my words, with judgments as inescapable as light. 6I want you to show love, not offer sacrifices. I want you to know me more than I want burnt offerings.*

THE FRUIT OF A HALF-HEARTED RESPONSE

 IGNORANCE and SORROW

Hosea 7:8-16