**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 makes a good father in today’s society?

**DIGGING DEEPER:**

*Read Hosea 14*

* Summarize what you read. What truths do you find about God from this passage?
* What does God tell the Israelites to do, and why? (Hosea 14:1)
* Read Hosea 6:1-4. How is the return God calls for in chapter 14 different from the one He rejected in chapter six?   
  + What is missing from the Israelites’ words in Hosea 6:1-4?
* Read Hebrews 13:15-16 and James 3:9-12. What does it mean for Christians to “offer the fruit of our lips?”
* What is life like for people who turn back to God? (Hosea 14:4-8)
  + How does the beginning of verse 8 interrupt the general tone of this chapter? Why does God say this here, do you think?
* What does it mean to be wise? What is the other option given here? (Hosea 14:9)
* Read John 15:5-8. How should we live as wise and fruitful Christians?

**DISCUSS:**

* Think back over the book of Hosea as a whole. How would you summarize its message in a sentence?
* In what ways are you enjoying the blessings and fruitfulness of living in loving obedience to your Father? Are there any ways in which you’re stumbling in disobedience? What needs to change?

* 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 March 4th**

**Day 101 –**  Isaiah 53: Wounded Healer

**Day 102 –** Isaiah 55: The End of it All

**Day 103 –** Luke 1: The Final Hope

**Day 104 –** Luke 2: No Fear

**Day 105 –** Mark 1: Immediate Impact

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HOSEA

HOSEA 14: GOD’S LOVE, OUR 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 COVERS   
OUR BROKENNESS.

**HOW DO WE RETURN HOME TO GOD?**

**Hosea 14:1-3 (ESV)***1 Return, O Israel, to the Lord your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity. 2Take with you words and return to the Lord; say to him, “Take away all iniquity; accept what is good, and we will pay with bulls the vows of our lips. 3Assyria shall not save us; we will not ride on horses; and we will say no more, ‘Our God,’ to the work of our hands. In you the orphan finds mercy.”*

ADMIT TO OURSELVES WE HAVE WANDERED   
FROM GOD’S LOVE

CONFESS OUR SINS TO GOD

* MY RELATIONSHIPS CAN’T SAVE ME. GOD, ONLY YOU CAN.
* MY BEST EFFORTS CAN’T SAVE ME. GOD, ONLY YOU CAN.
* MY ACCOMPLISHMENTS CAN’T SAVE ME. GOD, ONLY YOU CAN.

RECEIVE GOD’S HEALING

**Hosea 14:4 (ESV)***4 I will heal their apostasy; I will love them freely, for my anger has turned from them.*

**HOW DOES GOD HEAL?**

**Hosea 6:1-3 (ESV)***1 “Come, let us return to the Lord; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. 2After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. 3Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.”*

* GOD HEALS WITH AFFLICTION AND AFFECTION

**Hosea 2:19-20 (ESV)** *19I will make you my wife forever, showing you righteousness and justice, unfailing love and compassion. 20I will be faithful to you and make you mine, and you will finally know me as the Lord.*

**Revelation 19:7-8 (ESV)** *7Let us be glad and rejoice, and let us give honor to him. For the time has come for the wedding feast of the Lamb, and his bride has prepared herself. 8She has been given the finest of pure white linen to wear.”*

**Hosea 14:5-9 (ESV)***5I will be like the dew to Israel; he shall blossom like the lily; he shall take root like the trees of Lebanon; 6his shoots shall spread out; his beauty shall be like the olive, and his fragrance like Lebanon. 7They shall return and dwell beneath my shadow; they shall flourish like the grain; they shall blossom like the vine; their fame shall be like the wine of Lebanon. 8O Ephraim, what have I to do with idols? It is I who answer and look after you. I am like an evergreen cypress; from me comes your fruit. 9Whoever is wise, let him understand these things; whoever is discerning, let him know them; for the ways of the Lord are right, and the upright walk in them, but transgressors stumble in them.*

WE EXPERIENCE THE BEST OF GOD WHEN WE DEPEND ON HIM AS OUR ONLY SOURCE OF LIFE AND WISDOM.