



FAITH

The Book of Hosea: The holiness and heart of God.

Icebreaker: Have you gone to see pretty fall colors? Share your favorite spots with your group!

Read Together: Hosea 1:1 (ESV), Hosea 4:1-3a (ESV), Hosea 4:11-12 (ESV), Hosea 4:17-18 (ESV), Hosea 13:2 (ESV)

Discuss:

- The setting of the book of Hosea was in a bleak time in the History of Israel. They had abandoned God for idols and were split by civil war. What do you see as bleak in our current cultural landscape?
- Compare the list of accusations from Hosea 4 and see if there are any you recognize in your neighborhood.
- Who does Ephraim refer to?
- If someone has a study bible. Look to see what the metal images are.

Read Together: Hosea 1:2-3 (ESV), Hosea 3:1-5 (ESV), Hosea 2:14-17 (ESV), Hosea 6:1-2 (ESV)

Discuss:

- God asked Hosea to do something very unconventional. What did He ask Hosea to do?
- What do you think God is showing by having Hosea marry Gomer and buy her back from her debtors?
- Who is Hosea talking about in Chapter 3, Verse 5?
- What is God's promise to the nation?

Read Together: 1 Corinthians 15:4 (ESV), Ephesians 5:25 (ESV), 2 Corinthians 11:2 (NIV), 1 Corinthians 6:20 (NIV), 1 Peter 1:18-19 (ESV)

Discuss:

- This whole book points to Jesus! Where do you see Him most in the story of Hosea?
- What futile ways have you inherited from forefathers that you want God to redeem?

Prayer:

Father, thank you for giving us such a beautiful story of redemption in Hosea. Show us where we are serving other gods before you. We know that consequences come from being out of line with you. Please give us wisdom to discern when we are choosing what is wrong. Help us to have such a love for you that we will not go out of your presence. We want you near. In the name of Jesus, amen.