

LifeGroup Study SheetJanuary 4th, 2026 – Hosea – New Year, New Me

This guide is designed to give helpful hints in preparing for your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Introduction

When have you seen love expressed through perseverance rather than feelings? What did that look like?

Digging In

Question 1: Hosea 1:2; 3:1–2. Why do you think that God chose marriage, and not another metaphor, to illustrate His relationship with Israel? **Read Jeremiah 2:2** as a cross-reference to help guide your thoughts and discussion. How does what God tell Hosea about buying Gomer back change your view of God's relationship to us? How does the redemption and the cost play into God's pursuit of us?

Question 2: Read Hosea 4:1–2; 6:6. This is the part of Hosea where the children of Israel hear the charges the Lord was bringing against them! These charges are framed in a way that shows they had broken God's law. What were some of the things that were missing amongst His people? God isn't simply accusing them of not believing in Him, He is accusing them of turning to other things and not Him. The people of Israel knew about God, but they didn't truly have a relationship with Him! How does the apply to your spiritual life? Have you gone through seasons of "relational neglect" when it comes to your walk with the Lord? What things got you off track or distracted you?

Question 3: Read Hosea 11:8–9. How do these verses show the heart of the Lord towards Israel? Why is it important for us to see the emotional posture the Lord has towards His people? How does this challenge or affirm how you personally see your relationship with the Lord?

How does **Exodus 34:6** and **Luke 15:20** also reflect God's compassion towards us?

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?