

## Growth Group Homework

Reading the week of April 26-30, 2021

*Discussing the week of May 3<sup>rd</sup>*

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### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. What is your earliest memory of Mom or Dad helping you master some activity?
2. What stories about your ancestors convey values to you?

### GOING DEEPER/ Dixon First Reads Together

**Monday: Hosea 11, Israel In and Out of Egypt**

How has God shown a parent's love to you?

What comfort do you take in God's enduring love?

**Tuesday: Hosea 12, Israel Deceives, God Despairs**

Like Jacob's change in his encounter with God, how are you being changed by knowing Christ?

Do you think the rich have more problems being Christians than the poor? If so, how? If not, why?

**Wednesday: Hosea 13, God's Anger, Israel's Arrogance**

What makes you feel secure, job, home, pension, spouse or friends, or health? What would you rely on if these were taken away?

Have you ever experienced God's "rod"? If so, how have you felt his love in it? If not, how would you feel in your experiencing God's "rod"? Do you think you would feel God's love in it?

**Thursday: Hosea 14, Israel Confesses, God Blesses**

What condition and promise do you think true repentance involves?

What restoration project, if any, can you and your group take on with the compassion of Hosea for Comer?

**Joel: Background:** The occasion for Joel's prophetic ministry was a plague of locusts which was consuming Judah. The fact that no historical record of such a plague has endured does not mean this event was simply an allegorical device of the writer. Rather, this underscores the truth that even the worst natural or national disasters fade from memory when attention is turned to something that endures forever—an eternal God and his future kingdom.<sup>i</sup>

**Friday: Joel 1**

How do you respond to personal calamity? Compare it to Joel's original hearers' response.

When your joy withers, what or who has God used to renew it?

Prayer Requests:



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**Growth Group Community Service Project**

We ask every group to take on at least one service project a year (the ideal is two) and to have at least one social gathering (potluck) per half a year. Please consider with your group members of what community service you'd like to participate in. There is a project list made by our church that you can join in and outside the church.

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<sup>i</sup> Serendipity Bible, For Personal and Small Group Study