

Growth Group Homework

Reading the week of April 12-16, 2021

Discussing the week of April 18th

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. Are you named after someone? Who?
2. What loyal friend sticks to you even closer than a brother or sister?

GOING DEEPER/ Dixon First Reads Together

Hosea: *Background:* The dominant faith of Israel during Hosea's time was not Mosaic Judaism but a mixture of the worship of Yahweh and the local polytheistic baal religions. Israel was prosperous and complacent under Jeroboam II, but after his death, and a succession of six kings in 30 years, life became increasingly insecure and the nation's resources weakened. Israel stubbornly sought help from other nations instead of from the Lord.ⁱ

Monday: *Hosea 1, Hosea's Prophetic Progeny*

Using the marriage metaphor, describe your relation to God, now and in the past.

Have you ever left or "cheated" on God? Was God faithful anyway?

Tuesday: *Hosea 2, Israel Ruined and Restored*

Since we become slaves of whatever we yield ourselves to (see Romans 6:16), what are the "baals"/masters in your life?

How is the Lord's authority different in your life than these other masters?

Wednesday: *Hosea 3, Gomer Re-loved and Redeemed*

Recall a broken relationship, (with spouse, kids, friends, boss, etc). Were you able to repair the relationship? How difficult was it?

When did God "buy" you back to Himself? How did God do it?

Thursday: *Hosea 4, God's Case Against Israel*

When has an injustice hit close to home for you? How did it affect you? Did you confront it?

What causes moral or spiritual decline in individuals? In society?

What potential idol in your life might lure you away from God?

Friday: Hosea 5, God's Wrath, Israel's Remorse

When you are hurt but a close friend what is your natural response?

When did you first learn of the benefits of discipline?

How do you picture the God of Hosea?

Prayer Requests:



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.

ⁱ Serendipity Bible, For Personal and Small Group Study