**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:**

* Can you think of a situation where someone corrected a mistake you had made? How did they do it, and how did it make you feel?
* How were you disciplined as a child? Is it different from how you discipline today?

**DIGGING DEEPER:**

*Read Hosea Chapter Two*

* Summarize what you read. What truths do you find about God from this passage?
* What have God’s people done (v.2)? Why do they deserve a rebuke?
* Read Exodus 17:1-17. What has Israel forgotten about? Why does this make their actions in Hosea’s time even more inexcusable and stupid?
* On Sunday, Pastor Jason listed the different ways in which God disciplines. List out the different types of discipline. What are they intended to achieve?
  + How do you usually respond when you feel God’s discipline? Which word do you relate with most?

*Angry, frustrated, deflated, grateful, confused, unloved, rejected*

* + Read Proverbs 13:24 and Hebrews 12:6. What is the basic point made in these passages?
* Read Luke 15:11-24 What do this parable of Jesus, and Hosea 2:2-13, tell us about a life lived without God?

**DISCUSS:**

* Read Hosea 2:12. What are your vines and fig trees? What is, or are, the things in your life that you associate with safety, peace, and pleasure?
  + How would you feel if God “repossessed” your fig tree and vines? Which word do you relate to the most?

*Nervous, uncomfortable, insecure, relieved, humbled, angry*

* + Is my sense of security and identity in God alone, or do I find my identity and sense of security in things from God-like my talents, success, kids, appearance, and blessings?
* 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 February 11th**

**Day 86 –** Daniel 3: Ordeal by Fire

**Day 87 –** Daniel 5**:** Like Father Like Son

**Day 88 –** Daniel 6: Daniel’s Longest Night

**Day 89 –** Ezra 3: Home at Last

**Day 90 –** Haggai 1: A Needed Boost

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HOSEA

HOSEA 2: THE TOUGH LOVE OF GOD

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WHERE THERE IS LOVE THERE IS DISCIPLINE

**PSALMS 94:12 (ESV)** *12 Blessed is the man whom you discipline, O Lord, and whom you teach out of your law…*

WHY DOES GOD DISCIPLINE US?

**Proverbs 3:11-12 (ESV)** *11 My son, do not despise the Lord’s discipline or be weary of his reproof, 12 for the Lord reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.*

* DISCIPLINE PROVES THE FATHER LOVES US
* DISCIPLINE PROVES WE ARE HIS CHILDREN
* DISCIPLINE GROWS US UP TO SPIRUITUAL MATURITY

HOW DOES GOD DISCIPLINE?

**Hosea 2:1-2 (ESV)** *Say to your brothers, “You are my people,” and to your sisters, “You have received mercy.” 2 “Plead with your mother, plead— for she is not my wife, and I am not her husband— that she put away her whoring from her face, and her adultery from between her breasts;*

GOD GIVES WARNING

* GOD WARNS US TO REMIND US WE ARE HIS BELOVED.

**Hosea 2:3 (ESV)**  *lest I strip her naked and make her as in the day she was born, and make her like a wilderness, and make her like a parched land, and kill her* with *thirst.*

GOD SEPERATES HIMSELF

* GOD SEPERATES HIMSELF THAT WE MIGHT EXPERICNE THE REALITY OF LIFE WITHOUT HIM

**Hosea 2:4 (ESV)***Upon her children also I will have no mercy, because they are children of whoredom. 5 For their mother has played the whore; she who conceived them has acted shamefully. For she said, ‘I will go after my lovers, who give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, my oil and my drink.’ 6 Therefore I will hedge up her way with thorns, and I will build a wall against her, so that she cannot find her paths. She shall pursue her lovers but not overtake them, and she shall seek them but shall not find them. Then she shall say, ‘I will go and return to my first husband, for it was better for me then than now.’*

GOD HINDERS OUR SELISH PURSUITS

* GOD HINDERS US TO REDIRECT US BACK TO HIM

**Hosea 2:8-9 (ESV)** *And she did not know that it was I who gave her the grain, the wine, and the oil, and who lavished on her silver and gold, which they used for Baal. 9 Therefore I will take back my grain in its time, and my wine in its season, and I will take away my wool and my flax, which were to cover her nakedness.*

GOD REMOVES HIS BLESSINGS

* GOD REMOVES HIS BLESSINGS THAT WE MIGHT KNOW OUR TRUE SORUCE OF BLESSING

***Hosea 2:10-13 (ESV)*** *10  Now I will uncover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and no one shall rescue her out of my hand. 11 And I will put an end to all her mirth, her feasts, her new moons, her Sabbaths, and all her appointed feasts. 12 And I will lay waste her vines and her fig trees, of which she said, ‘These are my wages, which my lovers have given me.’ I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall devour them. 13 And I will punish her for the feast days of the Baals when she burned offerings to them and adorned herself with her ring and jewelry, and went after her lovers and forgot me, declares the Lord.*

GOD REMOVES SATISFACTION

* GOD REMOVES OUR SATISFACTION, TO SEND US SEEKING FOR THE LOVER WE HAVE FORGOETTEN

HOW TO RESPOND TO GOD’S DISCIPLINE?

**Revelation 2:5 (ESV)** *5Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first.*