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Remember: you do not have to do the entire study (you may not have time) – you can choose what questions you want to discuss.

## Read Hosea 1-3

- 1. Since this marriage was a picture of God's relationship with Israel, who does Hosea represent? Who does Gomer represent?
- 2. Why would Hosea name his children Jezreel, No Mercy, and Not My People? What would this be a reminder of?
- 3. How was Gomer acting? What was she doing that was so wrong?
- 4. What reasons did God give Hosea for getting Gomer back?
- 5. What did Hosea do in order to get Gomer back? What does this tell her
- 6. What does God say about the covenant? Why is it so important for him to remind the Israelites about the covenant?
- 7. How is Hosea's redemption of Gomer similar to God's redemption of us?
- 8. What instruction did Hosea give to Gomer after he redeemed her? Why these instructions? How is this similar to salvation?
- 9. What is the point of the story of Hosea? Why is this story included in the bible?
- 10. How is grace exhibited in this story? What do we learn about the nature of God's relationship with us?
- 11. How do we love one another when we have hurt each other? What should our response to such hurtful actions be?

## Prayer points:

- Spend time praying for the situation in Israel/Palestine and the people affected by the conflict.
- Pray for the recently arrived family from Afghanistan, particularly for a more permanent place to live.