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GOD'S DIVINE OBSESSION WITH YOU

## bigIdea small group discussion

A lot of us expect our problems to disappear once we reach out to God. When trials continue or escalate, we get confused and frustrated. Sometimes we pray for things to happen or not happen, but God doesn't seem to answer. It leaves us wondering, does He really care about me?

The story of Hosea reminds us that despite how we feel, God relentlessly pursues us with love. Even when it seems like our world is falling apart, God holds all the pieces in His hands, and in time, will put us back together stronger than when we started. All we need to do is trust Him and move forward knowing nothing can ever separate us from His love.



**BIG IDEA:** God not only wants your whole heart, He wants your heart whole.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe your dad in your growing up years and currently.
2. As you look back on your life, have you felt loved? Describe.
3. *With your Bible or YouVersion, read Hosea 11:1-4.* Do you see/feel God as a loving father? Why?
4. Chris said, "So we should revel in the thought that God's discipline deepens our life with Him." What are your thoughts about this?
5. Chris asked, "How can we submit to God's discipline?" How would you answer this?
6. Chris said, "God won't quit on you. He may discipline you, but He doesn't walk away." Do you believe this? Do you embrace this? How have you personally experienced God not quitting on you? Describe.

### THINK ABOUT IT

If your relationship with your earthly father was and/or is painful and it is not healed, consider meeting with someone you respect who you feel could help bring healing, i.e Christian counselor, spiritual guide, or friend. If you were blessed with a loving earthly father, consider writing him a letter expressing your gratitude.

### WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Challenge yourself to select and memorize a scripture on God's love or discipline.

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

"My child, don't reject the Lord's discipline, and don't be upset when he corrects you. For the Lord corrects those he loves, just as a father corrects a child in whom he delights." Proverbs 3:11-12