

# pursued

GOD'S DIVINE OBSESSION WITH YOU

## bigIdea small group discussion

The world has a way of making us feel insignificant. Sometimes it seems like no one is listening and no one cares. We are endlessly busy, but nobody seems to notice or appreciate the difference we make. The only people who seem to matter are rich, famous or lucky. The story of Hosea reminds us, that even though there are billions of people in the world, God is personally obsessed with you. He not only wants to forgive your past, He wants to give you a brilliant future. God has a specific purpose for your specific life, and the more you lean into him, the more you become the unique, irreplaceable person you were meant to be.



**BIG IDEA:** God doesn't just save you; He makes you into all you were meant to be.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is one thing God has been teaching you these past few weeks?
2. Use a metaphor to describe your spiritual life the last few months. "My spiritual life is like..."
3. *With your Bible or YouVersion, read Galatians 5:16.* What role does the Holy Spirit play in your life?
4. What have you done recently that makes you feel strong, alive, and connected to God, or, what could you do? Examples; journal, read the Bible or listen to audio Bible, spiritual book, join a Small Group, listen to an online speaker.
5. What is your favorite way to talk to God? Journaling? Walking? With another person? Solitude? Other?
6. Think back over this study of Pursued. Consider the truths you learned from the book of Hosea. Describe one thing God wanted you to learn.
7. Express your appreciation to God and anyone else who has blessed you during this Pursued study.

### THINK ABOUT IT

#### WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Commit to one "spiritual habit" that will help you experience more of God in your life. (Experts suggest it takes only 21 days to form a new habit!) i.e. prayer, Bible reading, giving, or serving.

- Have you been baptized? If not, is that one of your next steps?

Additional next steps to consider:

- If you have never done so, pray and ask God to forgive your sins, accept and receive Jesus as the Lord and Leader of your life.
- Study God's Word.
- Join a Small Group to help stimulate growth in your devotion to Jesus.
- Join a local recovery group for support and to help hold you accountable in turning away from sin that hinders your relationship with God and others.

- Do an inventory of your relationships and find a way to express your sorrow to anyone you know you have hurt and have never asked for forgiveness. Choose to pray for and forgive others.
- Write out your own story of how God has pursued or is pursuing you. Be prepared to share it when God opens a door for you.
- If you have children, continue to help each one discover more of God's love.
- Serve and use your spiritual gifts in a way that expresses God's love to others.

## CHANGING YOUR MIND

*"Let us press on to know him. He will respond to us as surely as the arrival of dawn or the coming of rains in early spring." Hosea 6: 3*

