



Talking through the weekly message helps you turn information into application. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you make the next move.

**City Group Icebreaker:** *Questions to Get You Talking*

- Consider sharing a story about making a promise. Maybe this is a funny story about when you forgot to give your child ice cream after you promised them a cone if they were good. Or maybe this is a sad story about you letting them down. God always makes good on His promises.

**Key Scriptures:** Hosea 1:3-11

- This series will not cover the entirety of the book of Hosea. However, it may be useful for the group to read through the entire book during the next three weeks.

**The Problem:** We treat God like an unfaithful spouse would and “cheat” on God with other idols?

**The Essential Questions:** By narrowing the focus on your work to questions such as these, you’ll be able to appropriate a healthy spiritual vision for how your faith and family intersect.

- What is one thing that stood out to you from this week’s message?
- What does it mean to be faithful? What does it mean that God is faithful?
- How might you be living like Gomer?
- What can believers learn from God’s call for Hosea’s life? How can Hosea’s calling encourage us to live as believers?
- Think about the damage you have seen caused by infidelity, and then think about God’s love for an adulterous people—does his love seem right? If not, why?
- What’s one thing you will do this week as a result of something you learned from this message?

**Move Up.** Connect to Christ

- The book of Hosea points a finger at us and tells us that we need to repent. How is God asking the Church to repent today? And in your own heart and mind as an individual—what is the Spirit pointing out in your own life? Listen!

**Move Out.** Connect to Culture.

- Is there someone in your life who claims to be a Christian, but has been deceived by the promises of the world and is living in sin? Find a way to connect with them to share God’s grace and the hope of the gospel.

**Move In.** Connect Culture to Christ.

- What can you use to 1) encourage a believer or, 2) share the gospel with an unbeliever from this passage?

**Why This Matters:** His sovereignty is boundless, His compassion is boundless, His promises are not limited by the actions of others, and He’s relentless in bringing His people back to Him.

**What our Pastor(s) want you to:**

- **KNOW:** The love of God is real and personal.
- **EXPERIENCE:** God’s forgiveness.
- **DO:** Spend time reflecting on ways you may have been unfaithful to God this week. Confess your sin, and ask God for the strength to overcome it.