



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

"We drift toward compromise and call it tolerance; we drift toward disobedience and call it freedom; we drift toward superstition and call it faith. We cherish the indiscipline of lost self-control and call it relaxation; we slouch toward prayerlessness and delude ourselves into thinking we have escaped legalism; we slide toward godlessness and convince ourselves we have been liberated"

- What do you think of this quote?

Key Scriptures: Hosea 14:1-9

The Problem: People are determined to trust in themselves and not in God. To go it on their own.

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?
- Did anyone read the entirety of Hosea? If so, is there any particular passage that you want to discuss with the group? Any insights you want to share with us?
- What can you do to avoid being moved toward compromise and unbelief? How can we support one another in that?
- What did you think of the shallow repentance vs. godly repentance that Hosea talks about in chapter 6? Do you agree that repentance is more than mere emotions? Is there anything you need to repent of and you're willing to share that with the group?
- Did this study of Hosea help you see God's love differently? Is it bigger than you expected? How did this study help or not help your understanding of God?
- How can we pray for you?

Move Up. Connect to Christ

- In what way do you need to let God love you as He promises in verses 4-8, so you can love Him with all your heart, mind, soul and strength? Remember, how you view God, determines how you love Him?

Move Out. Connect to Culture.

- God calls Hosea to love someone who is difficult to love. How does the gospel empower you to love those who seem unlovable?

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: No matter how far into idol worship you go, no matter how lost someone may seem, God is still calling and willing to take the wanderer back.

What our Pastor(s) want you to:

- **KNOW:** It is never too late to return to God.
- **EXPERIENCE:** The power of God's love to both chastise us when we have been wrong and simultaneously restore us.
- **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.