

Never Gonna Give You Up!

The Book of Hosea – June 4, 2017 for Life Group & Personal Bible Study

This guide, based on Sunday's sermon, provides additional study and reflection. It is not meant to serve as a full Bible study curriculum, exhaustive commentary, or complete Life Group itinerary, but simply as a conversational resource for further study. Feel free to use these thoughts below as you enjoy your Life Group experience or personal time with the Lord.



1) Background

- What member of the Trinity (God the Father, Jesus, the Holy Spirit) do you tend to relate to/talk to/go to first in your relationship with God?
- How do you typically relate to God: As the Good, Good Father? As the Lover of your soul? As the “Man upstairs”? As a general giving orders? As an unconditional friend?
- Has the way you relate to God ever changed depending on the season you found yourself in?

2) Read over your notes from Sunday's sermon from the book of Hosea.

- What points of the sermon or this passage resonated with you?
- What questions came to mind? How were you challenged?

3) Understanding the Passage

- What stands out to you about God's heart toward his wayward wife Israel in Hosea 2:14, 16, 19-20; 3:3?
- How do you experience God in Hosea 11:1-4, 8-11? What would you say is His posture toward His children?
- What does God want from His children in Hosea 6:1-3; 10:12; 12:6; 14:1?
- What does God promise to do for His children if they return to Him in Hosea 14:4-7?

4) Addressing Parallel Scriptures Question

How do Isaiah 54:5, Jeremiah 31:3, and Hebrews 13:5- 6 relate with what we have seen in Hosea? What does this say about who God wants to be to us?

5) Personal Reflection Question

- How does God as Faithful and Forgiving Husband empower you to love your spouse/significant other/close friend?
- What can God teach us from the book of Hosea about loving our kids (whether your own, or those you spend time with)?
- Where have you given up praying for transformation in your life? Or the life of your loved ones? How might God want to encourage you to keep praying? Keep asking? Keep coming back to Him with this area of your life?

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**Answers to Sunday's "fill in the blanks"
& other Bible verses**



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1) God's loves us with an inexhaustible, uncompromising, relentless kind of love.

(Hosea 2:14, 16, 19-20; 3:3)

2) God never gives up on His family.

(Hosea 11:1-4, 8-11).

3) If God's children return to Him, they can experience transformed lives!

(Hosea 6:1-3; 10:12; 12:6; 14:1, 4-7)