



**Life Group Questions
(Hosea 1:2-2:1)**

1. Reread Hosea 1:2-2:1 together. What stood out to you from Sunday's message? What questions came to mind? Was there anything confusing about what was said?
2. Why do you think God uses such harsh language to describe Israel? Does it shock you? Do you think it has to do with your view of God?
3. In verses 2-9 God lays some charges and consequences against Israel based on the naming of Hosea's children. God says he will no more have mercy on or forgive Israel. God says they are not his people and he is not their God. Think about what that would have sounded like based on Exodus 6:6-8 and Exodus 34:5-7. Was God changing his character or promise?
4. Think about the massive contrast between verses 2-9 and verse 10-2:1. How do we hold in tension God's justice and holiness with his mercy? Do they contradict each other?
5. Read Romans 9:23-26 and 1 Peter 2:9-10. Why do you think Paul and Peter took Hosea's words and applied them not only to Israel but to all of humanity? How is Israel's condition like that of all humanity?

Spend some time in prayer together. Thank God for his mercy and grace. Thank God for sending Jesus to accomplish what we never could. Go to the place of repentance if need be, in order to receive God's mercy.