

Life Group Questions (Hosea 3)

- 1. Reread Hosea 3 together. What stands out to you from this passage? What questions come to mind? Is anything that is confusing or doesn't make sense?
- 2. In verse 4 God says he is going to remove "king, prince, sacrifice, pillar, ephod, and household god." Why do you think God has to remove both good and bad things? What does that say about how far gone Israel was?
- 3. Look up the following verses that talk about humanities condition apart from God:
 - Ephesians 2:1-3
 - Romans 3:10-18
 - John 8:34
 - Romans 6:16

Why is it important to know the bad news of the gospel? Is that talked about in our day and age? Why or why not?

- 4. Look up the following verses that describe our redemption and freedom from slavery to sin:
 - Mark 10:45
 - Acts 20:28
 - 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
 - 1 Peter 1:18-19
 - Revelation 5:9

When you think of the gospel, do you think about your slavery to sin and how Jesus has freed you? How does our condition parallel what was going on between Hosea and Gomer and God and Israel?

5. In verse 5 it says the children of Israel shall "return" and "seek" the Lord their God. Talk about a time in your life when you did this? What did it look like? Is this a one time thing that happens or an ongoing process of repentance?

Spend some time in prayer. Thank Jesus for his sacrifice that purchased your freedom from sin. If you have sin and disobedience in your life, return and seek the Lord. Confess your sin and turn back to him.