

Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

- 1. From where did the LORD call Israel (v. 1)?**
- 2. How did Israel usually respond to God's calling (v. 2)?**
- 3. How did Hosea describe the LORD's care and training of Israel (vv. 3-4)?**
- 4. Because Israel refused the LORD's care, what will happen to her (v. 5)?**
- 5. What was to happen to Israel's cities (v. 6)?**
- 6. If Israel should call upon the LORD at this point, what would happen (v. 7)?**
- 7. What was the LORD's deepest attitude toward His people Israel (vv. 8-9)?**
- 8. After the LORD disciplined His people, what would be their response (vv. 10-11)?**
- 9. Where does Scripture tell us that God in His being, essence, and plans, does not ultimately change?**
- 10. How do we handle verses that talk about God "changing" His mind or His plans? What is one model for understanding the "changes" that Scripture ascribes to God?**
- 11. How should we understand "emotions" (e.g. love, anger, etc.) in God? [see WCF 2.1]**
- 12. How do you discern the Lord's discipline in your life? What have been some lessons the Lord has taught you lately?**
- 13. How did Joseph, Moses, and David respond to extremely hard and difficult situations that the LORD brought into their lives?**
- 14. Read Numbers 13:25-14:12. Why did the people of Israel complain? What was the LORD's response? What did the people's attitude reveal about how they viewed and treated God?**
- 15. When things get hard in your life, what is typically your first response?**
- 16. How do you think your life would be different if the LORD did not discipline and train you?**