**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?**