



Hosea 4-5 Growth group questions¹

Personal preparation **BEFORE** the growth group meets:-

Hosea can be broken down into two broad sections: chapters 1-3 and chapters 4-14. Chapters 4-14 explain and expand on chapters 1-3. But in chapters 4-14, the focus is on the relationship between God and Israel.

Read Hosea 4-5

1. What are some of the key ideas?
2. Do you have any questions? Write them down.
3. Try and summarise the action of these chapters in a single sentence.
4. What themes in this passage are picked up in the New Testament?
5. What do you think God is teaching you through this passage?

WHEN the growth group meets:-

Discussion starter

According to your non-Christian friends and family, what are the big problems in the world? And what are the proposed solutions?

Recap

What are the key ideas from chapters 1-3?

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Read Hosea 4-5

A. These chapters are like a court scene. God brings charges against his people. The charges are outlined in 4:1-3 then explained in the passage. In small groups (or as a big group) explore the charges by filling out the tables.

	<i>Sin = no faithfulness</i>
4:10-12	
4:17-18	
5:7	

	<i>Sin = no steadfast love</i>
4:2	
4:7-8	
5:1-2	

	<i>Sin = no knowledge of God</i>
4:5-6	
4:10-12a	
5:3-4	

B. What are the tragic results of Israel's sin? (4:3, 5, 6, 9, 10; 5:2, 4, 6, 9-10, 14)

C. Read 2 Corinthians 7:8-10. Why is it important to confess your sins and bring to light what is often hidden?

D. What charges might God bring against you? Write them down. If appropriate, share some with the group.

E. Read Romans 3:21-26. How is Jesus the perfect solution to our biggest problem?

Confess your sins together and thank God for the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.