

WHEN the growth group meets:-

Discussion starter

What marks out genuine sorrow when someone understands that they have done wrong?

Read Hosea 6.1-3

A. From your preparation discuss whether you think Israel have truly returned to the Lord in 6.1-3.

Read Hosea 6.4-7.16

B. Share your answers to Q3 & discuss whether we are capable of similar errors.

C. Share & discuss your answers to Q4. What relevance do these answers have for us?

D. Share & discuss your answers to Q5.

Read Matthew 9.9-13

E. What do we learn of Jesus by him quoting Hosea?

F. Read the following passages & discuss what *real* returning to the Lord is:-

Luke 18.9-14

2Corinthians 7.8-10

If you have time, try & compose a prayer of confession from Hosea 6-7, (& perhaps Luke 18 & 2Cor 7) & pray it together.

Alternatively, here is a corporate prayer of Confession. If appropriate, pray it aloud together.

*Heavenly Father,
you have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have often gone our own way,
and rejected your will for our lives.*

*By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you,
and to please you in every way,
for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.*

*We are sorry for our sins
and turn away from them.
For the sake of your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us, and change us.*