



Hosea 8-10 Growth group questions¹

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

Read Hosea 8-10

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Q1. As you read, add things that you notice to this chart.

Hosea 8-10	
Israel's behaviour & attitude	The judgement of God

Q2. What response do you have to this Word from God?

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WHEN the growth group meets:-

Discussion starter

What makes the judgement of God so awkward a topic for us?

Read Hosea 8-10 (8.1-6, 8.7-14, 9.1-4, 9.5-9, 9.10-13, 9.14-17, 10.1-8, 10.9-15)

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A. Share & discuss what you each wrote on your chart (Q1.).

B. Share & discuss your responses to Q2.

Read Hosea 8.13, 9.9, 10.10

C. Discuss what you notice.

Read Mark 9.42-48

D. Discuss how this teaching of Jesus connects with that of Hosea.

E. Discuss together the appropriate responses a wise person ought to make after reading Hosea 8-10.

Read together the words of the hymn, Great God what do I see & hear, & use them to guide you in your reflection & prayers together.

*1 Great God, what do I see and hear!
The end of things created!
The Judge of all mankind appears
on clouds of glory seated!
The trumpet sounds; the graves restore
the dead which they contained before:
prepare, my soul, to meet him.*

*2 The dead in Christ shall first arise,
at that last trumpet's sounding,
caught up to meet him in the skies,
with joy their Lord surrounding;
no gloomy fears their souls dismay;
his presence sheds eternal day
on those prepared to meet him.*

*3 But sinners, filled with guilty fears,
behold his wrath prevailing;
for they shall rise, and find their tears
and sighs are unavailing:
the day of grace is past and gone;
trembling, they stand before the throne,
all unprepared to meet him.*

*4 Great God, what do I see and hear!
The end of things created!
The Judge of all mankind appears
on clouds of glory seated!
Beneath his cross I view the day
when heav'n and earth shall pass away,
and thus prepare to meet him.*