



# Hosea 8-10 Growth group questions<sup>1</sup>

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?

<sup>1</sup> Some of the questions here have been adapted from the Pathway Bible guide, 'Return to the Lord', © James Stone 2016, Matthias Media.

# 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.