

Wednesday:

Read: Hosea 11:5-7: Consequences of Rejecting God

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What happens when you turn away from God?*
2. *How do you find your way back?*

Prayer Focus: Creator God, we have broken your heart many times. We are your wayward children. Help us to find our way back.

Thursday

Read: Hosea 11: 8-9: God is Always Faithful

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *How difficult is it to choose love over anger?*
2. *How do you hear God's call?*

Prayer Focus: Merciful One, remind us that you are our cornerstone. You do not punish us, but forgive us when we stray. How awesome is our God!

Friday

Read: Hosea 11: 10-11: Returning Home and Choosing God

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Is it difficult to admit when you're wrong?*
2. *What does repentance mean to you?*

Prayer Focus: Guiding Power, we thank you for keeping no record of our wrongs. Through your love and grace, you give us hope. Your own goodness is too rich to behold.

Return to God

Pastor's message: *Hosea 11:1-11 Just as we accept our children as they are, God's love surpasses God's wrath. Let's repent and return to our Father's House.*

Message Notes:



Small Group Format

Welcome

- Introductions/getting acquainted
- Mutual Invitation question: *What was your favorite vacation?*

Opening Prayer

Song (optional)

Reflection on Scripture

Have someone read: *Hosea 11:1-11*

- Discuss observations about the text
 - *What word or phrase strikes you the most?*
 - *What do you think is the most important point of the text?*

Application of Scripture (The central transformative questions)

- What did you hear God say to you through this week's Scriptures?
- What are you doing about it?
- How can we support you?

Share your faith (in groups of 3)

- *How have you experienced God recently in your life?* (This is a weekly question - it may be difficult to answer at first, but if you ask it each week you may start to notice God more in your life.)

Pray for each other

Refreshments (optional)

RETURN TO GOD **July 31, 2022**

Monday

Read: Hosea 11: 1-2: Worldly Distractions

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What idols do you worship?*
2. *Why do we turn from God's love?*

Prayer Focus: Gracious and Loving God, we are often attracted to other shiny toy "gods" that constantly surround us. Help us to stay focused on your Light and Way.

Tuesday

Read: Hosea 11: 3-4: God's Awesome Love

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *How do you comprehend God's love for us?*
2. *How have you experienced this love in your life?*

Prayer Focus: Compassionate One, I praise you for your continual grace and mercy when we too often run away from you. Guide us in seeking the embrace of your always open arms and eternal love.