



THRIVE CHURCH

GROWTH GROUP STUDY GUIDE | **SERIES: STRANGERS IN A STRANGE LAND**
TITLE: A GATEWAY OF HOPE
SCRIPTURE: HOSEA 1-3

One Thing Follow-up:

Share the story of a place with no pandemics, no racism, no injustice, and a place where we get to see Christ face-to-face.

When was the last time you shared this Good News?

Opening

As Christians, our values and priorities often run different than the culture. We may feel like strangers in a strange land. Ultimately, we know our citizenship is in heaven. How do we live as people “in the world, but not of the world”?

Series Review

We are continuing our "Strangers in a Strange Land" series. We are taking a break from 1 Peter and going to find our lesson in Hosea. Hosea was an Old Testament prophet. Hosea wrote the book that bears his name. Hosea is the story of a husband to tell us a story of a husband. It's a story of brokenness and redemption.

Review the Message

Read Hosea 1

Q. What is the difference between hearing from God in the Old Testament and hearing from Him today?

Q Has there been a time when you followed God's leading even though you didn't want to follow?

Q. Gomer chose to leave Hosea and return to former way of life. What kind of issues make it easy for you to fall back into previous behaviors or lifestyles?

Q. When your ministry or Christian life has gotten difficult have you felt like giving up?

Read Hosea 2.5 and 2.8

Q. Hosea displays his love for Gomer as an example of God's love for us.

Q. When have you been tempted to take credit for your successes instead of giving God the credit?

Q. When was the last time you were mad at God? How did you work through those feelings?

Read Hosea 3.1

Hosea's life is being transformed into an illustration of God's love.

Q. In what way is this a picture of God's love for us?

Read Hosea 2.14-15

Q. How does the Valley of Trouble become the door of hope?

Q. How does an accurate picture of God's love correct our vision of:

Him?

Ourselves?

Others?

Living it out Application

God has redeemed you from a life of slavery and has made you his child.

Q. What is God saying to you through this lesson?

Q. What will you do about it this coming week?

Q. How can we help you?

Prayer

Q. Are there any specific things we need to pray about or needs to focus on?