

# HOPE GROUP

## STUDY & DISCUSSION GUIDE

### GETTING TO KNOW ME

Have you ever been a wayward child yourself or been the parent of a wayward child?

As you look back on that experience, how did it make you feel, what would you have done differently knowing what you know now, and how does that impact the way we view God's relationship with his wayward people?

### INTO THE BIBLE

Share some analogies that God uses throughout scripture to illustrate his relationship with mankind.

How do these different analogies help us to appreciate God's love for us?

Read Hosea chapter 11 and chapter 14 together as a group and discuss God's heart for His people.

Read John 8:33-44, and discuss what Jesus was trying to teach, and how it applied to the Jews then, and how it applies to us today.

In 1 John 3:5-8, what is meant by "practicing sin"? What are the consequences for those who live this lifestyle? How might this inform our walk?

Discuss how the world views the character of God as compared to Scripture.

### APPLICATION

What concepts from Hosea had the greatest impact on you?

How might a deeper understanding of Hosea help us to relate the gospel to unbelievers in a way that is more powerful and believable?