Introduction: *Start with a logical icebreaker.*

Ask for a volunteer who considers him or herself to be a logical thinker. In front of the group, read the questions on the following logic quiz aloud and allow the volunteer to give his or her answers:

http://www.quizmatic.com/can-you-solve-10-basic-logic-questions/index.html

Say something like the following: “Sometimes we see logic clearly; sometimes it takes a while. But when sin is involved, few think logically.” Then transition into the session content using the Summary and Goal on page 66 of the Leader Guide.

Point 1: *Admitting ignorance begins the path to knowledge.*

Complete this interactive activity before you delve into the passage for Point 1.

Ask for a show of hands in response to each of the following questions:

- How many of you have read the Book of Hosea?
- How many of you can explain it to someone else?

Next, admit your own lack of knowledge for Hosea and, if applicable, some of the other Minor Prophets.

As a group, watch the following video, “Overview: Hosea” (7 minutes, 35 seconds):

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kE6SZ1ogOVU&list=PLH0Szn1yYNeeVFodkJ9J_WEATHQCwRZ0u&index=18&t=0s

Then challenge a few volunteers to share 1-2 main points about Hosea they learned from the video.
Point 3: **Highlight the transforming power of repentance.**

After discussing Point 3, ask, “How is repentance demonstrated in the Book of Hosea?” Share how you have struggled with your own repentance and some steps you’ve taken to stay repentant through your walk with Jesus.

Point to some excerpts from article “The Heart of True Repentance” in order to explain how true repentance entails change: [https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/the-heart-of-true-repentance](https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/the-heart-of-true-repentance)

**Conclusion: Emphasize the foundational nature of God’s steadfast love.**

Read aloud the first sentence of My Mission (page 74): “The steadfast love of God never ceases.”

Instruct group members to read Psalm 136 silently, considering the steadfast love of God put on display in Hosea and how it is described in this psalm.

Then raise the following question: “What are we called to do in response to God’s steadfast love for us?”

Close by sharing some of the salient points from the article “Six Ways to Respond to God’s Steadfast Love”: [https://unlockingthebible.org/2017/05/six-ways-to-respond-to-gods-steadfast-love/](https://unlockingthebible.org/2017/05/six-ways-to-respond-to-gods-steadfast-love/)

**Teaching Tip of the Week**

Don’t miss the beautiful sacrifice Hosea made for Gomer’s sake. Put yourself in his shoes. We often want to ignore or dismiss difficult times lived by those following God; let Hosea’s story break your heart in response to God’s love for us expressed in Christ’s sacrifice for us, His unfaithful bride.