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## ***LIFEgroup Discussion Questions***

***September 24, 2017***

### ***Hosea Reveals Important Principles***

1. It was noted that in addition to what we often think of as the primary role of a Biblical prophet (i.e., they predicted future events), prophets were also called to live and speak God's truth. While it may be unlikely that we'll be called today to do what some of the ancient Biblical prophets were called to do (e.g., Ezekiel 4:12!), what are some of the ways in which following Jesus is like being a prophet?
2. Hosea's marriage to Gomer revealed God and the Gospel in all of its depth of grace. What marriages have you witnessed which revealed God and the Gospel to you? What were the qualities and characteristics present in those marriages that spoke to you?
3. Which Bible story or Scripture passage captures for you the essence of the truth that our God is a God like no other?
4. Which experience or chapter of your own life has taught you the essence of that same truth--- that our God is like no other? What has left you singing in praise, "Who is like you?" (Exodus 15:11)
5. Most of us have someone in our life who "gets on our last nerve" (hopefully it's not our spouse!). Without mentioning names, telling stories, pointing fingers, or otherwise identifying the person in any way, share what you could do with regard to "sowing seeds of God's righteousness" in that relationship. What are some of the practical steps you could take in that relationship from your side?
6. Anger can lead to more conflict (if it's not dealt with), to conviction (if it's rooted in our own selfishness and we're willing to examine ourselves as in Lamentations 3:40), or to compassion (as we see with God in Hosea 11:8-9). What do you think makes the difference between whether our anger is a force for destruction or a force for eventual good?

**Pray.**