



CIBC Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

This guide is designed to help guide life group discussions of this week's sermon at Cayman Islands Baptist Church. For more information on life groups and other discipleship opportunities at CIBC, please visit www.cibaptist.ky.



Get the Picture

-Title: *"The Love Of God"*

-Series/Text: Major Lessons From The Minor Prophets (Hosea 14:1-9)

-Date: April 11th, 2021

-Speaker: Pastor Steve

-Main Idea: Return to God whose grace is greater than your lovers.



Group Discussion

a) Connect

- 1) **Commit:** Before you begin, agree as a group that you will commit to having an honest discussion about this text without casting any judgment or sharing any unsolicited advice.
- 2) **Read:** Read **Psalm 139:23-24** out loud before you pray to begin the discussion.
- 3) **Pray:** Pray over the group and ask the Lord to *"Search your heart"* and reveal idols that are keeping you from receiving truth.

b) Engage

- 1) **Read:** Read Hosea 14 and look for the repeating concepts and phrases.
- 2) **Discuss:** How does the image of marriage and fidelity and the lack thereof in this book inform your own relationship with God?
- 3) **Discuss:** How do we demonstrate a lack of seriousness over our sin? What are some way that we can begin to take our sin seriously?
- 4) **Discuss:** How does a soberminded view of our sin relate to the grace of God?
- 5) **Discuss:** What Why is God's grace greater than our sin? If God's grace overcomes our sin how do we know he takes it seriously? Is he unjust? Is there really a penalty for sin?
- 6) **Discuss:** What does it look like for us to return to the Lord in our thoughts, in our words in our actions?

c) Apply

- 1) **Consider:** Continue Look for and pray over 2-3 areas in your life where you can return to the Lord. Begin by meditating for a few minutes on the wrongness of what you've done. Then read the grace passages of Scripture and give praise for God's forgiveness. Finally, find some tangible ways to return to the Lord in behavior that would counter act the areas of sin.

d) Pray

- 1) **Silent Prayer:** Enter into a time of silence to allow God to speak to you in response to everything you discussed today. Listen for areas where He may be telling you He wants you to step out in obedience.
- 2) **Group Prayer:** After a time of silence, close out the study with a group prayer for a greater awareness of Christ as king of your life.



Going Deeper

- 1) How does this series on the Minor Prophets begin to cut against the current culture of (prosperity, pride, paganism and promiscuity?)