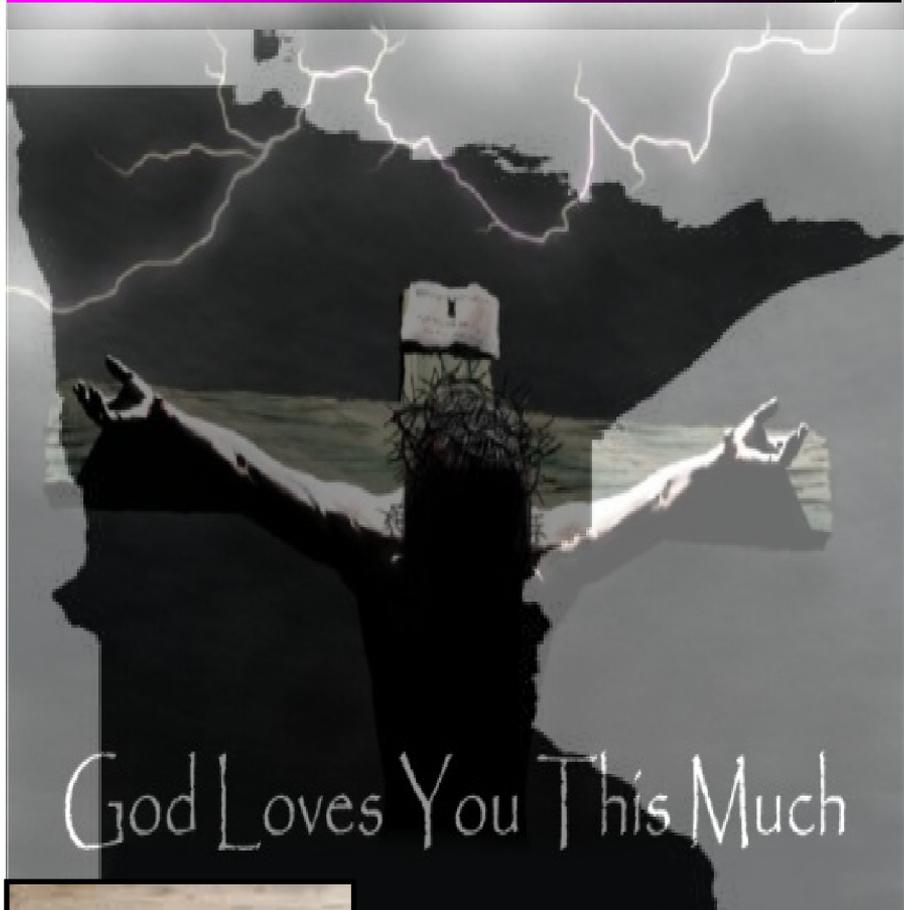


The Upper Midwest
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Family Group Midweek Lessons

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God Loves You This Much



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A Picture of Love: Hosea

This Family Group Bible-Talk is intended to supplement the February 2nd sermon at the MSPCOC. Although having attended or listened to that lesson is helpful, it is not required to take part in the following discussion.

Opening Activity:

- Ask each person to make a list of their favorite 5-10 love movies, love stories, or even love songs.
- They should then choose their three favorites and be prepared to share them with the group as well as explaining why they like that movie, story, or song and what they learned about love from it
- Give time for each person to share their list quickly
- These all give us glimpses of human love but nothing is more powerful than God's love for his people, despite their constantly falling short. Today we will look at a picture of that love in the book of Hosea.

Read: Hosea 1:2-3

Group Questions:

- How would you feel if God asked you to do this?
- What was God trying to teach Hosea and the people of Israel?
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Read: Hosea 2:5-11

Group Questions:

- Despite her infidelity, Hosea was still secretly providing for Gomer's needs
- Why would Hosea need to cut off his support for Gomer (and at the same time God cut off his support of Israel)?

Read: Hosea 3:1-5

Group Questions:

- Gomer's lover sold her into slavery; why did God want Hosea to buy her back and restore their relationship?

- Have you ever allowed things to come between your relationship with God?
- As Hosea brought Gomer back into his home, what does this action show us about God's love for his people?

Read: Hosea 14:1-7

Group Questions:

- What does this lesson teach us about God's love for his people?
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Final Thoughts:

- Read Hosea 14:9. Why does this book end with that thought?



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