Life Group Discussion Questions – Hosea 12–13:14

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1. Justice and Love

- How do you see God holding *justice* and *love* together in these chapters?
- In your own life, have you ever found it difficult to balance justice (doing what's right) with love (showing mercy)? What happened?

2. Leadership and Influence

- Ephraim led Israel astray, and the nation followed. In what ways do you see leadership and influence at work in our culture today—for good or for harm?
- Who have been the most influential voices in your own life, and how have they shaped your faith journey?

3. Accountability Before God

- Israel couldn't just blame their leaders; the people were accountable too. How does that challenge us in our walk with God today?
- Where might we be tempted to "go along with the crowd" instead of standing firm in faith?

4. God's Broken Heart

- Hosea reveals God's heartache for His people who turned away. How does it affect you to think of God grieving like a Father over His children or a husband for His wife?
- What does that say about the depth of His love for us?

5. Hope and Redemption

- Hosea 13:14 says: *"I shall ransom them from the power of Sheol; I shall redeem them from Death."* How does this foreshadow the hope we have in Christ?
- How does the truth of Christ's ransom (His sacrifice for us) give you encouragement in your daily life, especially in seasons of discouragement, loss, or failure?

6. Responding to the Call

- What step might God be calling you to take *now* in response to His love and His Word?