

# A HARD ROAD

Faithfulness in all areas of life *from the book of Hosea*

## Week 5

### Key Scripture

Hosea 5

### Open

1. Have you ever dreamt of winning the lottery? What is your plan if you win a billion dollars?
2. If modern day idolatry is anything that takes up more time, money and attention than God - what are some idols you fall into the habit of worshipping?
3. What is a fundamental difference between marital unfaithfulness and being unfaithful to God?

### Dig

1. Take turns reading Hosea 4 two times - Read it the first time with a mad tone and then read it again with a sad tone. Which reads truer - do you think God is more mad or sad about our turning away from Him?
2. There are a lot of charges in Hosea 4 - list them as a group and then spend time ranking them from bad to worst. Why do you order them the way you do?
3. Now develop a list of things that compete for your time, money or attention with God - from bad to worst. Share your list with each other.

### Take Further

1. Have you ever wondered "what was the big deal?" when it came to things that took more time than your time with God?
2. Are there people in your life that could speak up and let you know if you are slipping into idolatry?
3. Is there something for which you would like other people in this group to hold you accountable?

### Prayer

Pray that you can begin new habits of keeping idolatry in check.