

SERMON GUIDE

I WILL TEAR APART

Hosea 5:14-6:3 | Pastor Tim Prince

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

- Scripture that stands out to you while you read
- Observations you are making about a passage
- Applications that connect the verses to your real life and relationships
- Prayer that invites God to participate in all that you do

Conversation Questions

Getting to Know Me: Have you ever had a surgery or needed to have a bone or joint reset? What kinds of fears did you have going into that experience? What would have happened if you'd just left it alone?

Note about the passage: The great theme of Hosea is God's heart of love for his wayward and unfaithful people (represented by Hosea's wife). At this time in history, Israel has been so unfaithful to God that they are essentially separated or divorced. They have been worshipping a god named Baal. It's during this time that we get to see God's heart of steadfast love and promise of a future restoration of the relationship, even in the face of their unfaithfulness with Baal.

Read Hosea 5:14-6:3

S: What verses, phrases, words or feelings stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything "illuminated" or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?

O: How does this text feel to you? What do you find interesting? What do you wonder? Is there anything about God that is surprising to you in this passage?

O: Take some time to make a list of everything this teaches about what God is like and what he says he will do. Do you find any of these attributes compelling or frightening?

O: Why do you think God wants Israel to "acknowledge their guilt" and experience "distress" (5:15)? What value does that have? Why do you think that's important for us too?

O: At this point in history, Israel is uninterested in returning to the Lord. They can't see how their unfaithfulness is a big deal and they are heading down a path of destruction. How do you think tearing (5:14) is a necessary part of being healed (6:1)?

O: What is Hosea's call and invitation to Israel in 6:1-3? What promises accompany that invitation?

A: Are you being "torn" by the Lord in anyway right now? What do you think he is trying to heal in you?

A: What do you love most about what you read today? How will it change the way you think about God, pray to him and worship him in the coming week?

A: Hosea's invitation is "Come, let us return to the LORD..." and "Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD..." How will you accept this invitation today?

P: Talk to God about your application responses. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.