

# A HARD ROAD

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

## Week 4

### Key Scripture

Hosea 4:1-3, 13-14

### Open

1. Have you ever been cheated on in a relationship? What was that like?
2. Is there a difference between a cheater and someone who made a big mistake?
3. Look again at the list of reasons why people cheat. Which of those reasons for cheating do you find most understandable?

#### Reasons:

- a. Not thinking.
- b. For the rush of passion.
- c. Because of low self-esteem
- d. The relationship wasn't fulfilling anymore.
- e. Craving variety.
- f. Wanting revenge.
- g. Dealing with toxic partners.
- h. Cheating because they fell out of love.

### Dig

1. Read Hosea 4:1-3; 13-14 again as a group. What does faithlessness lead to?
2. Why is marital faithfulness such a big deal to God?
3. Do you feel like you will continue to be faithful (or will be faithful if you are not married yet) to your spouse? Why?

### Take Further

1. What have you done in your life to make sure you practice faithfulness to your spouse both now and in the future?
2. Look again at that list of reasons - can those be reasons for unfaithfulness to God also?
3. Is there a way to start over again if you have been unfaithful? What does that look like?

### Prayer

- Spend time praying for strength to remain faithful (or be faithful one day)
- Also spend time praying for wholeness and forgiveness in the wake of infidelity.