

## **Bible Overview Week 5 –Relationship Promised**

### **Before the session think about and answer the following:**

1. What is the biggest hindrance to your enjoying your relationship with God? Why is it the biggest hindrance? What would it take to remove it?

The prophets are the covenant watchdogs of Israel, revealing Israel's sin and calling the people back to covenant faithfulness to God. Biblical prophecy is not usually a foretelling of the future; <5% describes the New covenant age, <2% is messianic, <1% concerns events to come. They are calling the people to covenant faithfulness using covenant language and blessings and curses, and reminding people of the promises.

### **Read: Hosea 1 & 2**

2. What surprises you? What shocks you? What encourages you? Why is this enacted prophecy appropriate?

### **Read: Jeremiah 31v31-34**

3. What is the promise that Jeremiah makes here? What does it tell us about life in Judah?

### **Read Ezekiel 10**

4. What is happening here amidst all the complex imagery? Why is it significant? How is it a reversal of an earlier event and what does it reveal about Judah as a nation?

### **Think through**

5. What are the blessings we enjoy that they people of Israel didn't? How does that make you feel and respond and why?