

Growing PRAISE

EVERY NIGHT...EVERY HOME...THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE

20 — 26 October 2019

VERSE of the week — Hosea 2:19-20

***"I will make you my wife forever,
showing you righteousness & justice,
unfailing love & compassion.
I will be faithful to you & make you mine,
& you will finally know me as the LORD."***

TABLE GRACE

(tune: 'Tie me Kangaroo down')

Thanks a lot for this food, Lord!

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You give to us what is good Lord,

so thanks a lot for this food.

Amen.

5 POINT CHECK UP

1. Share your highs (good times) and lows (bad times)
2. Read a verse from the Bible.
3. What do you find “best” in the text? What is most confusing or hard to understand? What does God want you to do ?
4. Pray for one another (Praise God, Thank Jesus, Ask the Holy Spirit).
5. Bless one another.

THOUGHT for the week:

***"God's definition of what
matters is pretty
straightforward.
He measures our lives
by how we love."***

— Francis Chan

Living Water Fellowship, Wagga Wagga

Come...Grow...Go...Show



let's TALK

1. Gather in the name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit. Share your highs/lows. Read John 3:27-20 and Hosea 2:16-20. What strikes you as you read?
2. **In the ancient near east, a wife often referred to her husband as "master." What is significant about the shift God promises in Hos 2:16? Note all the "I will" promises God makes to his wayward people. Which is most important in your view?**
3. Read Isaiah 54:4-8. How does this promise compare with the one in Hosea? Vss 19-20 are better translated to repeat 3 times "I will make you my wife." We remember that Hosea's wife had been unfaithful to him as God's people have been unfaithful in their relationship with God. What is the force of the repeated "marriage vow"? How do you feel knowing God is committed to you with such strength & determination?
4. Looking at the image of marriage, how would you describe your current marriage relationship with God? In what ways could you be more faithful?
5. What do you John means when he says, "He must become greater & greater and I must become less & less."? How is this our goal for our lives? What do people see when they look at you: You or Jesus? What difference does this make?

let's READ

Sunday	Revelation 19:7-9	Thursday	Jeremiah 31:31-34
Monday	2 Corinthians 11:2	Friday	Colossians 1:18-20
Tuesday	Isaiah 54:5	Saturday	Revelation 21:2
Wednesday	Ephesians 5:1-4		

let's PRAY

*PRAISE GOD that he loves you
with an unbreakable love.*

*THANK JESUS that he has taken you as his bride.
ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT to use you life
to invite others to the wedding feast of Christ.*

let's BLESS

Make the sign of the cross on each other as you say:

**(Name), † child of God,
You are the precious bride of Christ!
Amen.**

