**What Could be God’s Message for You?**

**Reflect** on God’s message to you in the following verses, exploring each concept in the text and how it relates to your life, and the messages from the story of Hosea as a whole. “If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” (**2 Chron. 7:14**) “I will betroth you to Me forever; Yes, I will betroth you to Me in righteousness and justice, in lovingkindness and mercy; I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness, and you shall know the Lord. . . . And I will have mercy on her who had not obtained mercy; then I will say to those who were not My people, ‘You are My people!’ And they shall say, ‘You are my God!’” **Hosea 2:19, 23** (NKJV) Then **discuss** with clock partner 9 and one other group of 2-- using the questions bellow. Answer individually on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Why do we need to humble ourselves? Do we tend to struggle with this? (Explain)

Because then we could lose those around us, and we don’t know our limits

1. What does it really mean to seek God’s face?

To grow closer to God and to know God as more of a friend and mentor

1. Does God hear only when we turn from our wickedness?

No I do not believe so, God loves us and will always listen to us even if we do not listen to God.

1. How can God heal land?

God can do anything, God has a infinite amount of power.

1. What was the significance of betrothal at the time, compared to now?

More of a agreement rather than a feeling

1. How does this change the meaning of the passage?

It does not

* Exegesis: critical explanation or interpretation of a text, especially of scripture.
* Eisegesis: is the process of interpreting text in such a way as to introduce one's own presuppositions, agendas or biases.