**Hosea**

*True Hope vs False Hope*

*Hosea 6*

True Hope (v 1-3)

* Return to the LORD
  + See now that I, *even* I, *am* he, and *there is* no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither *is there any* that can deliver out of my hand. (Deuteronomy 32:39)
* Follow the LORD
* Know the LORD
  + Morning – sure, dependable, dispels the darkness, gives hope
    - 22 *It is of* the LORD’s mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. 23 *They are* new every morning: great *is* thy faithfulness. (Lam 3:22-23)

False Hope

* Fleeting Goodness (v 4)
  + Looks good, doesn’t deliver
    - As a morning cloud and early dew
* Unheeded Warnings (v 5)
* Misunderstanding God’s Desires (v 6)
  + Mercy
  + Knowledge of God
    - What we typically prefer is ritual, not a true relationship or heartfelt tenderness
* Finding Comfort in Numbers (v 7-9)
* Forgetting
  + Sin is Horrible (v 10)
  + We Reap What We Sow (v 11)