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## PRICE TAGS

### START

What is the weirdest thing you have ever bought?

Or

What is the best deal you have ever gotten when buying something?

### SHARE

Generally speaking, the beginning of a new relationship is exciting. You have great conversation, create new memories, hear great stories, and form a bond. Similarly, the beginning of our relationship with God is exciting. Our sin is gone, our purpose is renewed, and our eternity is sealed!

**2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"**

**Describe the moment when you decided to follow Jesus and surrendered your life to Him.**

**Would you say that it was EASY or HARD to follow Jesus for the first six months?**

**What types of disciplines, relationships, or actions helped you stay connected to God?**

### GROW

Even though most of us have the best of intentions, we still have a tendency to drift toward sin or indifference. We know better, but our human nature can deceive us into believing that we need it now, it won't be that bad, or it's all we deserve. God has a very different plan for us.

**Whether big or small, when was the first time you strayed from God? (Are you in that season now?)**



**What caused you to drift?**

**What was the catalyst that drew you back to God? Describe the moment.**

In the story of Hosea and Gomer, God asked Hosea to do something almost unfathomable. After Gomer had willfully betrayed Hosea and been unfaithful, God asked Hosea to go to the slums, buy her back, and renew his commitment to her.

**How does this story resemble our relationship with God?**

**What makes it powerful?**

**What might cause you to drift from God's presence? How can you avoid it?**

## MOVE

God forgives. He sees past our sin, our wandering, and our self-reliance, and graciously invites us back into His presence. Like Hosea, He paid the price to free us from bondage, giving us freedom we don't deserve. As a result, we get to live life to the fullest!

**Think about the words to the song, "Amazing Grace." Discuss as a group. What makes God's grace "amazing"?**

The Bible instructs us to forgive others as Christ has forgiven us.

**Given the context of God's forgiveness for us, why is it important that we forgive others?**

**Is there anyone you need to forgive in light of God's forgiveness?**

## PRAY

God's grace is "amazing" when you really stop to reflect on it. The story of Hosea and Gomer is our story. God loves us in spite of our brokenness. Thanks be to God! Spend time as a group thanking God for His patience, His grace, and His love. Pray that He reminds you daily what He has done for you, and that you live a life fully dedicated to Him as a response.