



H O S E A

FACILITATOR'S GUIDE



A PREVIEW TO THE FULL GUIDE.



WELCOME, FACILITATORS!

We're so grateful that you're here to help guide a conversation about our film, *Hosea*, with your community.

The goal of this discussion guide, and your role as a facilitator, is to foster honest and thoughtful conversation around the themes of the film. In addition to narratives on love, redemption, and identity, *Hosea* also covers sensitive topics such as sexual abuse and self-harm.

Given the film's dynamic themes, **it is important to create a space that welcomes both meaningful and respectful dialogue.** While some may find certain details of *Hosea* challenging to discuss, we believe that leaning into discomfort with a gracious heart and an open mind can lead to discovering a path of meaningful transformation on both a personal and societal level. The next few pages of this guide will walk you through some best practices for moderating the conversation with ease and navigating the discussion guide effectively.

It is our hope that this film fuels conversation and action around themes such as the power of love, the importance of belonging, and the discovery of the Light, even in our darkest hour. We are so thankful you've joined us here!

Sincerely,
The *Hosea* Film Team

BEST PRACTICES

SET THE TONE

Being mindful of the energy you're bringing to the conversation can have an enormous impact on the reception and success of the dialogue. Leading with warmth and an open mind will allow others to feel comfortable and confident in doing the same.

DISAGREEMENT VS DISRESPECT

Take a moment at the beginning of the discussion to remind the group that constructive disagreements are welcome, but blatant disrespect is not. We can all allow room for opposing viewpoints without creating hostility.

SILENCE IS OKAY

We invite you to hold space for moments of pause as people may need to gather their thoughts before speaking. If the silence continues to extend, feel free to restate the question or ask the group if they're ready to move on.

KEEP THE CONVERSATION MOVING

If the discussion surrounding a specific topic is running long, or if one person is dominating the conversation, politely interject with a line like, "I really appreciate the enthusiasm, I'm sure we could discuss this for hours to come! However, I want to make sure we have space to discuss the other topics and everyone who wants to can share, so let's move on..."

SHARE GRATITUDE

At the end of the discussion, thank the group for their willingness to show up and engage in a brave and thoughtful dialogue.

PLAN AHEAD

Please spend some time reviewing this guide before you lead your discussion. This will help you get comfortable with the content, as well as plan for how you'd like the flow of the conversation to go.

This guide was intentionally designed so that you can organize the various sections in whatever order will best fit the size, dynamic, and goals of your group.

Feel free to use this as a working document, taking notes and highlighting areas of focus throughout. While you may not have time to cover each section in full, we do encourage you to plan on discussing a portion of the content in every section.

Throughout this guide, you will find prompts and notes directed at you, the facilitator, bracketed in red like this. These are meant to be helpful touchpoints for you, and do not need to be read aloud.

WELCOME

This section includes a note from the filmmakers, an intro to the film, and an intention-setting poem.

LET'S DISCUSS

This section provides thematic discussion topics to address as a group after viewing the film.

DIG DEEPER

This section gives an educational overview of some of the film's more challenging themes like self-harm and sexual abuse.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This section offers a roundup of useful information and resources for those looking to continue exploring the film's themes and subject matter.

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