

**CCIC-English Congregation Adult Sunday School  
Winter 2017 Quarter (December 2017-February 2018)**

**Class A: Why Do You Believe That? A Faith Conversation Bible Study**

Teacher: Bruce Wong

Room: Conference Room

**I. Synopsis and Purpose**

How confident do you feel in talking about matters of faith? Do you wish you could express your beliefs more effectively? Join us to gain understanding and skill in sharing Jesus effectively with others and in better understanding your own faith. Answer your doubts. Build your confidence. Start changing lives.

This class, based on material by Mary Jo Sharp, will help us to have faith conversations with those around us. We will learn and grow through video, presentations, discussion, and role playing.

**II. Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Video</u>	<u>Description</u>
Dec. 3	Ministry Fair		
Dec. 10	Listening to Others	3	The importance of listening
Dec. 17	Questioning Others, part 1	4	Questioning vs debating
Dec. 24	Christmas		
Dec. 31	Questioning Others part 2		Self-defeating statements; Three important questions
Jan. 7	Responding to Others, part 1	5	The ministry of listening
Jan. 14	Responding to Others, part 2		Responding to others; Honesty, integrity and discernment
Jan. 21	No class; Guest teacher	6	Your roadblocks
Jan. 28	Quarterly Congregational Meeting		
Feb. 4	Roadblocks, part 1		Intellectual and emotional objections; Building experience
Feb. 11	Roadblocks, part 2		How to stand up under fire
Feb. 18	Quarterly Congregational Prayer		
Feb.25	Our Turn	7	Closing

**Class B: The Book of the Prophet Hosea – God’s Unchanging Love In Spite Of Our Failures**

Teacher: Peter Lindstrom and Matthew Sommer

Room: 321

**I. Goal of this Class**

Through our study of Hosea, let us see how this book will:

- Help us to see our unfaithfulness toward God and repent from it,
- Help us to have a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's faithful love for us, and respond to it, etc.

## II. Introduction to the Book

Hosea was raised by God to be His prophet to the ten tribes of northern Israel. Under King Jeroboam, the ten tribes of northern Israel had started to follow after the worship of the golden calf. Under King Ahab, the worship of Baal was introduced. God raised and commissioned prophets to bring His Word to the Israelites, telling them that they should forsake the idols, repent of their sinful and errant ways, and to return to the worship of the one true God. At the same time, the prophets brought a message of hope to God's people -- that through the coming Messiah there would be redemption, and a restored relationship with God.

## III. Message of the Book

God demonstrates His unwavering love for His unfaithful people, Israel, who He desires to woo back to Himself, through the metaphorical illustration of the marriage of His prophet, Hosea and the prostitute, Gomer.

## IV. The Classes

Dec. 3	Ministry Fair
Dec. 10	Introduction; The Marriage of Hosea (Hosea 1)
Dec. 17	The Marriage of Hosea, continued (Hosea 2-3)
Dec. 24	Christmas
Dec. 31	Hosea's message of God's judgment to children of Israel (Hosea 4)
Jan. 7	Hosea's message of judgment to Israel and the priests (Hosea 5); his exhortation to repentance (Hosea 6)
Jan. 14	Hosea's message of reproof for the sins of Israel (Hosea 7): his message of God's judgment due to their sin (Hosea 8)
Jan. 21	No class; Guest teacher
Jan. 28	Quarterly Congregational Meeting
Feb. 4	Hosea's message to Israel for their sins, of their coming judgment, and of their exhortation to repent (Hosea 9-10)
Feb. 11	Hosea's message of hope and restoration (Hosea 11)
Feb. 18	Quarterly Congregational Prayer
Feb. 25	Hosea's message of God's reproof for sins of Israel and exhortation to repent (Hosea 12-13)
Mar. 4	Hosea's message of hope and restoration (Hosea 14)

## Class C: Alpha Trail

Room: 315

## I. Schedule

Dec. 3	How does God guide us?
Dec. 10	Who is the Holy Spirit/What does the Holy Spirit do?
Dec. 17	How can I resist evil?
Dec. 24	How can I make the most of the rest of my life?
Dec. 31	What about the church?