

Outline: The Book of Hosea

I. Personal—The faithful prophet and his faithless wife (chapters 1-3)

A. Here comes the bride—Hosea and Gomer marry (1)

B. God is faithful—Hosea and Israel are unfaithful (2)

C. Hosea is commanded to get Gomer again (3)

II. Prophetic—The faithful Lord and His faithless people (chapters 4-14)

A. Israel is a harlot (4-5)

B. Israel (Ephraim) will return in the last days; presently judged for current sins (6)

C. Israel (Ephraim) can escape judgment by repenting (7-12)

D. Israel (Ephraim) will turn to God from idols in the last days (13-14)

Discussion Questions: Hosea

Chapter 1

1. What did God command Hosea to do?
2. Why did God personally name Hosea's two sons and one daughter?
3. What prophetic event is hinted at in verse 7?

Chapter 3

1. What does God tell Hosea (verses 1)?
2. What did Hosea have to do to reclaim his wife?

3. What can we learn from this event?

Chapter 5 - 6

1. What charges does God bring against Israel?
2. What can we learn from the reaction of Ephraim to God's judgment?
3. How can you guard against superficial response to God?

Chapters 7 - 11

1. What do the metaphors describing Israel reveal?
2. Why didn't Israel turn to God for forgiveness?
3. Israel was blind to sin but unlike Israel, how can we guard against blindness to sin?
4. What is the overall theme of this section? (See Hosea 10:13-15; also, 7:16; 8:4; 8:7; 9:10)
5. Despite the theme of these chapters, discuss the hope found in Hosea 10:12.
6. Why did the Israelites have trouble embracing this hope (10:2)?
7. Where is this hope anchored? (consider discussing Hosea 8:12).
8. How does God empower and equip you to overcome sin?

9. What do we learn about God in understanding that He justly punishes sin by pouring out His wrath? How should we respond to this truth?
10. How would you define God's holiness? Why is it good that God is committed to His own holiness, and takes His holiness seriously?

Chapters 12 - 14

1. Though God is the all-satisfying Creator of the world, Israel continually fell into sin. What mistakes did they make that led to their failures?
2. How do we make the same mistakes and how can we avoid them?
3. Why is it important for Christians to remember God's acts of grace from the past?
4. What difference does remembering His grace make in our lives?
5. Have you personally forgotten or are you tempted to forget God's past grace? How can you keep from forgetting?
6. When is it hardest for you to trust God and live for Him? What steps can you take to guard against sin in your life?
7. What does the gospel say about our forgetfulness and how to overcome it? How can you keep God's promises and the gospel in the forefront of your life this week?