

**24 September 2023 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group**

**"The LORD Lays Out His Case Against Israel" -- Hosea 4:1-5:7**

1. What does the LORD bring against Israel (4: 1)?
2. What three general traits described the nation of Israel (v. 1b)?
3. What was the nation of Israel like (v. 2)?
4. What was the problem with Israel's priests (vv. 4-6)?
5. Why was God displeased with the nation (v. 6)?
6. What was Israel's worship like (vv. 12-14)?
7. Where did the LORD tell the people of Judah, the southern kingdom, not to go (v. 15)?
8. What was the LORD God going to do to Israel (v. 19)?
9. What was Israel's influence on places like Mizpah and Tabor (5:1)?
10. Why did the LORD say that Israel at this time would not repent and return to Him (v. 4)?
11. What was Israel filled with (v. 5)?
12. Why would Israel's seeking the LORD fail (vv. 6-7)?
13. How might Israel's situation and the LORD's response to it be similar to how He responds to a nation today?
14. How might Israel's situation and the LORD's response to it be similar to His response to the Church today?
15. In what way(s) was Israel's situation unique from any other?
16. Are nations judged by God? Why or why not?
17. What is the purpose of the knowledge of God?
18. How necessary is the knowledge of God for a nation today?
19. How necessary and important is the knowledge of God for you? How can you obtain true knowledge of God?
20. What does the knowledge of God do in your life? If you know a truth about God but it fails to make a difference, what does this mean?
21. What do you believe is the state of our nation's present knowledge of God? Why do you think it is this way?
22. What areas of the knowledge of God are seriously deficient in our culture? Churches?
23. How do spiritual leaders in the Church fail God's people today?
24. What should Christians do if they are in a church where the spiritual leaders do not convey true knowledge of the LORD?
25. How do you know if the information you receive from a spiritual leader is true knowledge of God? How should you evaluate a sermon or a message you receive from a spiritual leader (consult 2 Timothy 3:14-17; Hebrews 13:7)?