

29 October 2023 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group
“Ancient Israel’s Corruption on Full Display (Part 3)” -- Hosea 9:1-9

1. What did the LORD through Hosea tell the people of Israel not to do any longer (v. 1)?
2. Where would some of the people of Israel go when banished from the land (v. 3)?
3. What would the people be forced to do in other lands (v. 4)?
4. If any should escape the destruction that Assyria brought upon the land, what would happen to these (v. 6b, c)?
5. What would be very clear to Israel that God was doing (v. 7a)?
6. How did Israel respond to God’s prophets (v. 7b)?
7. Why did they treat them this way (v. 7c)?
8. What was the prophet’s job description (v. 8a)?
9. What did the people try to do to the LORD’s prophets (v. 8b)?
10. To what does the LORD compare Israel’s corruption (v. 9a)?
11. What does it mean “to celebrate”?
12. What are some events that the LORD meant for His Old Covenant people to celebrate?
13. How are the ways and manner that Christians celebrate different from that of the fallen culture?
14. Should the Church observe and celebrate events and occasions that are not specifically identified in Scripture as such to observe? If so, why? If not, why not?
15. What does it mean to “hear the voice of the LORD”?

16. How (or, where) does one “hear the voice of the LORD”?
17. What was the purpose of revelation in all its forms?
18. When someone says, “The LORD told me ...” or “The LORD spoke to me,” what does this communicate to you?
19. Is it always possible to authenticate or confirm a reputed “word from the LORD” with Scripture? Why or why not?
20. Should you view the Word of God preached as the Word of God? Why or why not?
21. Have you observed people treat the preaching of God’s Word as those in Israel treated the prophets (9:7-8)? If so, what do you think caused them to do this?
22. How critical is it to understand how to identify the voice of the LORD? What are some consequences of misunderstanding?
23. Does the view that the voice of the LORD is restricted to the sixty-six canonical books of Scripture stifle the Christian or mean that God does not lead and guide the believer?
24. What are questions and concerns you might have about whether revelation from God continues today versus the view that no longer occurs?
25. If someone claims to have received a revelatory word from God, how should you respond?