

19 November 2023 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group

"Israel Rejected Her High Calling" -- Hosea 10:11-15

1. To what did God compare Israel (v. 11a)?
2. In the comparative portrait of Israel, what did this animal like to do (v. 11)?
3. What did God tell Israel to sow (v. 12a)?
4. In sowing this, what would Israel reap (v. 12a)?
5. What is "fallow" ground (v. 12b)?
6. Instead of sowing what God required, what did Israel do (v. 13a)?
7. What did Israel reap as a result of sowing what she did (v. 13a)?
8. In what did Israel put her trust for safety and protection (v. 13b)?
9. What was going to happen to Israel because of her misplaced trust (v. 14a)?
10. What was to happen to Israel's king (v. 15b)?
11. What is the purpose and meaning for which God created you?
12. What is your purpose for the coming week? How does this short-term purpose relate to God's great purpose for your life?
13. What do you think happens in a person's life when they do not know the reason/purpose for his or her life?
14. Is any purpose or meaning someone imagines sufficient to provide motivation to live and work? Why or why not?
15. What might be a problem in emphasizing a "purpose-driven" life?

16. How is the Scriptural concept of sowing and reaping categorically different from the Eastern idea of karma?
17. Do we always receive exactly what we sow in this life?
18. What is “The Creation Mandate”?
19. What is “The New Covenant Mandate”? How does this relate to “The Creation Mandate”?
20. What are you doing right now to carry out God’s mandates in your life?