

5 November 2023 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group
“Ancient Israel's Failure to Learn from Her Failures” -- Hosea 9:10-17

1. How does God compare Israel’s beginning (v. 10a)?
2. What did Israel do that brought about great shame and made her abhorrent to the LORD God (v. 10b)?
3. What did God say would be the consequences of Israel’s propensity to go after other gods (vv. 11-12)?
4. To what did the LORD compare Ephraim at one time (v. 13)?
5. What was Hosea’s response to how Israel’s past sin had affected her? (v. 14)?
6. Where was the place that Israel’s present sins against the LORD were very pronounced and aggravated (v. 15a)?
7. Because of their wickedness, what would the LORD God do (v. 15b)?
8. How does the LORD describe Israel’s leaders (v. 15c)?
9. What two things in particular were to happen to Ephraim (v. 16)?
10. What was Hosea’s response to Israel’s present condition before the LORD (v. 17)?
11. What is an imprecatory prayer?
12. Should Christians pray imprecatory prayers today? Why or why not?
13. If Christians may pray imprecatory prayers, what would be the conditions and circumstances under which they should do so?
14. What does liberalism mean when it is applied to Christianity?
15. How “liberal” may one be and still legitimately retain the name “Christian”?
16. What does “orthodox” mean? What is an orthodox church? What is the Orthodox Church?
17. How should a Bible-believing, orthodox creed-confessing church go about calling a liberal church or a liberal Christian back to the true faith of the Scriptures?
18. Does a spiritual failure ever profit a believer in Christ?

19. Who are some people in the Bible who failed spiritually? What happened? How did they respond to their failures?

20. What are some spiritual failures that you have experienced? What did you learn from them?