

3 December 2023 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group

"Israel Repudiated Her Divinely-Ordered History" -- Hosea 11:12-13:1

1. What sins filled Israel that were ultimately harmful to her (11:12-12:1)?
2. Who was Israel's famous ancestor who strove with God (12:2-3)?
3. Where was the place that this famous ancestor met and was changed by God (12:4)?
4. How should the nation of Israel have imitated her famous ancestor (12:5- 6)?
5. How was Israel unlike this forefather before he was changed by God (12:7-8)?
6. What would God do to the nation of Israel because she thought she was responsible for her own riches and wealth (12:9)?
7. What two cities were known for their sinful ways (12:11)?
8. In Israel's history, who fled to the land of Aram (12:12)?
9. What person did God use to bring Israel out of the land of Egypt (12:13)?
10. What terrible thing did Israel do to deserve her guilt and judgment (13:1)?
11. If you had Hosea as your preacher, how would you view his messages? Why do you think God had him deliver such negative sermons? How do you respond to messages from the LORD that do not seem positive but are focused on the need to change and repent?
12. In what style of literature is the majority of Hosea written? What is the major feature of this kind of literature? What was the benefit of using this type of style?
13. How do we spiritually harm ourselves when we do not worship the LORD as He prescribes for us to worship Him?
14. What evidence of God's work in the life of your family's past and present do you recognize?

15. What lessons have you learned from the lives of the fathers and mothers in the faith? What spiritual ancestor most interests or intrigues you?