

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

“Summing Up Hosea: God’s Love and Patience with His Covenant People”

Hosea 2:14-23

- 1. What kind of wife did God command Hosea to marry (1:2)?**
- 2. After punishing Israel for her sins, what would the LORD do for Israel (2:19-20)?**
- 3. When Hosea’s wife had been separated from him for a time, what did God command him to do (3:1-2)?**
- 4. What were some major sins that Israel committed against the LORD (4:1-2)?**
- 5. Where did Israel turn for help when she was in trouble (5:13)?**
- 6. What does God desire more than sacrifices and burnt offerings (6:6)?**
- 7. What was a typical attitude that Israel had that contributed to her downfall (7:10; see also Proverbs 16:18)?**
- 8. What serious responsibility did Israel violate (8:1)?**
- 9. What country would invade and destroy Israel (11:5)?**
- 10. What would the LORD God do for Israel after disciplining and punishing her for her sins (14:4)?**
- 11. Why do think God may have ordered Hosea to enter a bad marriage? What other prophets did God direct to do certain strange or weird actions?**
- 12. What does the term “redemptive-historical” mean?**
- 13. How could people that had been warned so many times and in so many ways about the serious sin of idolatry end up engaging in such a vile and wicked practice even to the point of offering human sacrifice (13:2)?**
- 14. Why is the word “judgment” and messages about judgment off-putting to many people? In this day and age, how should preachers apply messages in Scripture that center on judgment?**
- 15. If the LORD judged and destroyed Northern Israel, how can one say that He did not give up on Israel?**
- 16. If jealousy is bad, how can God act [Hosea 11:1-7] and say [Nahum 1:2] that He is a “jealous” God?**
- 17. Where do you see Christ pictured or foreshadowed in Hosea?**
- 18. How does the work of Christ fulfill the message of Hosea?**
- 19. What prominent truth stands out to you from the book of Hosea?**
- 20. What additional themes do you think should have been discussed from Hosea that you do not think were adequately addressed?**