

Discussion Questions for Hosea & Amos
September 21, 2014

Outline from Sunday's Sermon:

1. An Unfaithful Nation Symbolized (Hosea 1-3)
2. A Disobedient Nation Indicted (Hosea 4-10, Amos 1-8)
3. A Cherished Nation Restored (Hosea 11-14, Amos 9)

Discussion Questions:

1. Consider the following statement: "It is true that God loves us just the way we are, but He will never leave us just the way we are." Share one area of your life that you would like to see God work on.
2. Read Hosea 1:1-9. God used the marriage of Hosea and Gomer to symbolize His relationship with Israel. Time and time again, God showed patience to the nation of Israel, despite her disobedience. As God's children, we have been forgiven. How can we demonstrate that same kind of forgiveness to those in our lives? Be specific.
3. Read Amos 2:6-7. In this section, which continues all the way down to verse 16, we see several sins vividly described by Amos. These sins include social injustice and sexual immorality. Israel was guilty of these sins. We see those same sins in our society today. As Christians, what can we do to guard ourselves from committing these same sins?
4. Read Hosea 7:4, 8, and 16. Hosea gives us four word-pictures respectively: over-heated, half-baked, and defective. These word-pictures describe a person who is far from God. If you can recall a time in your life in which you were far from God, please share this with your group. If you've never felt far from God, rejoice and share this as well and thank God for His protection in your life.
5. Read Hosea 11:1-4 This passage recalls the innocence of the early days when God delivered Israel from bondage. Throughout the Bible, the picture of walking with God is always synonymous with trusting and obeying him. Enoch walked with God. Noah walked with God. How are you doing in your daily walk with God? What areas of your daily devotional life (e.g. Bible reading, prayer, etc.) would you like to see improved? Pray for one another as you close your time.