

REDEEMING LOVE

HOSEA

Bible Study Guide

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Hosea

Introduction

This story has always intrigued me. Hosea's life will reveal God's "agony" and relationship with Israel. If the children of Israel could not discern God's feelings and judgement, Hosea would have to live it out in real time for them to see. One can only imagine how Hosea felt and the pain he lived through but yet he was obedient.

Hosea's life will reflect the cycle of sin, repentance, redemption and restoration, that was evident in his marriage and in God's overall plan for His people, and ultimately reveals our own everyday life and relationship with God.

However, we are promised God's redeeming grace and salvation in Christ. We have experienced God's saving power and from this book we can see that no one is beyond God's saving grace. This book also gives us practical relationship lessons in our marriages and relations with others.

Let's get started!

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Questions

DAY 1

Chapter 1

1. What was God's instruction to Hosea? Why was it an odd task?
2. What was God's reason for giving Hosea that instruction? How was Hosea going to feel God's pain if he did not experience what God was experiencing?
3. Define promiscuity
4. Can you draw parallels between being a harlot and spiritual promiscuity?
5. Can you draw parallels between God's relationship with Israel and indeed us with the instructions He gave Hosea?
6. The picture painted in this chapter is one of unfaithfulness and idolatry. How do you think God feels when we stray away from Him like this? In what ways have you been unfaithful to God and "cheated" on Him?
7. What was the name of the wife that Hosea took? How many children did she give him and what are their names and meanings of their names? How did these names reveal God's judgements?
8. How did Hosea show obedience even with such a difficult instruction? God will sometimes ask us to do difficult things, how are you able to handle such instructions when they do arise
9. In this context and since Hosea's life was going to be played out for all to see as it related with God, who did Hosea represent and who did Gomer represent?
10. Can you paint a picture of Gomer's character, life and personality? Can you see a relation to human nature and imagine what promises she might have made to Hosea in the beginning of their relationship, yet she remained unfaithful and went back to sin? Are you able to see the life most of us live from the picture you paint? How has salvation saved us from this life?
11. Hosea second son's name was Lo-Ammi, what does it mean and what struck you the most about God's revelation of the name, His feeling and relationship with the children of Israel
12. How does this chapter reveal what love and redemption is in our personal relationships? What practical steps can you take to extend grace and forgiveness to others.
13. What important promises does God give in vs 10-11, 2-1? What does this reveal about God?
14. How should we respond to God's faithfulness?

DAY 2

Chapter 2

1. In verse 1 of this chapter (found at the end of chapter 1), how did God change the names of His people. What does this teach you about restoration?
2. What were God's charges against Israel?
3. We see God call Israel His wife, a metaphor of His relationship with His people. What does this reveal about God's intimate relationship with us in the context of marriage? Think about the vows and the things that should not happen in marriage
4. After answering number 3, how can you make sure your "marriage" to God is not broken by infidelity
5. What are the consequences of an unfaithful relationship with God?
6. How has Christ come to help us build a faithful relationship with Him
7. Think about your relationship with God and your life as a whole, in the context of verse 7, In what ways has God forced you to return to Him when you go about life outside of His will

DAY 3

Chapter 3.

1. What was God's instruction to Hosea and what was this instruction and obedience meant to reveal
2. God restores and showed His love for an unfaithful people and Hosea did the same for his wife, took her back despite her unfaithful ways. What does this teach you about forgiveness and redemption and how we should treat others in this light?
3. How did Hosea get his wife back, restore her and demonstrate his love for her?
4. How did God win us back, restore and reconcile us to Him and demonstrate His love for us?
5. What did Hosea tell His wife and how did that relate with Israel
6. Why do you think God used Hosea's life to show in plain light what He was feeling about what He wanted to do?
7. In what ways has God plainly shown you His plans and thoughts
8. How do you see Christ redeeming grace in this Chapter and how He draws us back to the One true King? Vs 4-5

DAY 4

Chapter 4

1. Read verse 1-2 of chapter 4 and look at your country, what case do you think God has against your nation?
2. How can a nation reconcile with God?
3. How do we commit such sins in our own lives?
4. Are there points in your life where you have shut God out? What should you do?
5. What is or are the costs of forsaking the knowledge of God?
6. Read and compare these passages Hosea 4:6 with Romans 1:24, 26, 28; Hosea 4:7 with Romans 1:23; Hosea 4:11 with Romans 1:21, 22, and draw parallels about forsaking the knowledge of God
7. Read Hosea 4 vs 6, what two types of knowledge can you draw from here? How do they relate?
8. Do you think the knowledge of who God is and the knowledge of the Word of God, go hand in hand? How are they connected and how can the knowledge of both help your walk of Him?
9. Why is seeking the right knowledge important in this day and age?

DAY 5

Chapter 5

1. What was God's case against the royal family, priests & leaders the land? What does this teach you about the delicate position of pastors and ministers?
2. Described the depth of Israel's depravity in vs 4 and compare that with Gomer's and Hosea's relationship
3. In what ways do people think they are seeking and or worshipping God but aren't really? How can you make sure you are truly seeking God and how can you teach others the same?
4. Do you agree that the statement, "because he has withdrawn from them "in verse 6 can happen? At what point in someone's life do you think God can leave a person to themselves?
5. What does the Bible teach us about repentance? What steps are taking when one repents and return to God?
6. Look at Chapter 5 vs 13, what was the problem here? Who do you turn to first when you have a problem?
7. Vs. 14-15 what was God's judgement and the goal behind it?

DAY 6

Chapter 6

1. Read vs 1-3, what position do you think Hosea's heart is? How should a sinner approach God?
2. Read Chapter 6 vs 1-3, In what ways do we see God has a crisis manager and we keep relying on our self or other idols we built?
3. Vs. 2 what reference to Christ can you unveil?
4. What are the benefits of pursuing and searching for the knowledge of God? Hebrews 11:6
5. Read Hosea 6:6, what does it mean to you? What does it teach you about the type of relationship God wants with us? Based on this, what is more important to God?
6. Where else in scripture do we see verse 6?
7. How does vs 4 describe Israel's relationship with God? Does it reflect your relationship with God?

DAY 7

Chapter 7

1. According to vs 1-3, what was the major problem that the leaders and the people of Israel have? How do we also live in this act?
2. How has the New Covenant helped us in regard to God forgetting our sins?
3. How does sin take control of our lives without us realizing?
4. How has the redeeming love of God separated us from the control of sin?
5. How do these chapters echo what will happen when the day of judgement comes?
6. What are the consequences of consistent sinning, even when the truth is before you?
7. How does one overcome sin
8. How does the Holy Spirit help one realize, repent and overcome sin?

DAY 8

Chapter 8

1. Describe what happens when God's people forget their maker?
2. How can richness and love for money turn us away from God if we do not focus on Him?

DAY 9

Chapter 9

1. Why did God curse Israel's harvest?
2. Why did God dislike Gilgal? (2 Kings 2:1; 4: 38, Hosea 4:15, Hosea 12:11)
3. Read Deuteronomy 29: 24-28 and compare with Hebrews 8:12; Hebrews 10:16-17? What did God promise in both passages, under which covenant do we fall?

DAY 10

Chapter 10

1. Read vs 1-2, what did Israel do wrong?
2. How should we be careful not to use God's blessings on ungodly ways? Galatians 5:13
3. How does Israel's heart compare to that of Gomer?
4. Vs 9-11, what did God tell Israel to do?
5. How should we sow righteousness so we can reap mercy? What does this mean to you?
6. According to this passage how long should we keep sowing seeds of righteousness and breaking up our fallow grounds?
7. The analogy used by God is here that if of a dry farmland, that needs to be broken down and tilled for seeds to be planted in. What does fallow grounds really imply

DAY 11

Chapter 11

1. Describe God's love for His people and His love for you?
2. Can you highlight some of God's characters you can find in this chapter?
3. Read verse 8-11, can you describe how God was feeling? In what ways have you felt this way when you were hurt
4. Read vs 7 and read Matthew 7:21, what insights can you learn from these 2 scriptures? How do you honor God with your lips but not your heart?
5. In our daily lives as a wife, parent, friend, sister etc., we face such conflicts sometimes, how do we handle it? How do we show compassion and grace?
6. Read vs 9, what does it reveal about God?

DAY 12

Chapter 12

1. What does God say about the alliances that Israel made? Take a look at your alliances are they built based on the will and instructions of God?
2. Chapter 12, vs 4-6, God is making a case and to let Israel and Judah see why they should come back to Him. What track record does God have with you, that He can show you, so you don't forget what He has done and who He is?

DAY 13

Chapter 13

1. Why does God keep helping us even we are being chastised by Him? How has God helped you in times you did not feel worthy?
2. What does God's chastisement mean to you? Why is it beneficial that God chastises you?

DAY 14

Chapter 14

1. Read verse 1-3, where is the best place to find the right words to take back to God?
2. What is restored when we return to God?
3. What promise of restoration do we have
4. What other lessons have you gained from this book?