

Family Matters

Hosea 1-3

1) What was God's call to Hosea and why?

Hosea 1:1-2

2) What would have been your response if God called you to do the same as Hosea? How would you have felt with such a mission?

3) Whom did Hosea marry and what was the name of their first child? What did the child's name mean?

Hosea 1:3-5

4) What was Hosea's second child name and why did the Lord tell Hosea to name her that?

Hosea 1:6-7

5) What was the third child's name what did it mean?

Hosea 1:8-11

6) Hosea's ministry to his people was obviously through his family. What are ways that we can minister through our family to the people in our community? (This can be general or personal)

The second chapter of Hosea is broken into two separate areas in how God relates to His people. Read over and think about how this could relate to the current church.

7) Read **Hosea 2:1-13**. God is rebuking Israel for being unfaithful to Him. Describe some of the imagery that is used and what message is the Lord trying to convey to the people?

8) Read **Hosea 2:14-23**. God is now using compassion when dealing with His people. Describe some of the imagery that is used and what message is the Lord trying to give them?

9) After reading Hosea chapter 2, what can you say about God's character and feelings towards His people?

10) What message did the Lord give to Hosea? Because of this what is implied by Gomer's actions towards her husband.

Hosea 3:1

11) What did Hosea do and what message is given to the Israelites?

Hosea 3:2-5

12) Looking at Hosea's second command, would you of been able to do what God called him to do? How tough is it to bring someone back who is willing to leave you in this manner?

13) In general, do we sometimes befriend or take in people who constantly treat us bad? (Spouse, friends, family, etc.) Why do you believe we do this in our personal lives? (You do not have to use a personal example)

14) Hosea's ministry was meant as a literal metaphor as a relationship between God and His people. If we look at the church in general today, can we see similar qualities in the relationship between God and the Church?

15) After reading about Hosea, what can you learn and apply to your life and ministry for God?

16) If people were to look at your life like Hosea, what message would they learn? What is the message that your life is giving to the community and those you meet regarding the Lord?

Just a Thought

Just because Hosea was called to marry someone promiscuous or a prostitute does not mean that we should all do the same. His ministry was very specific and his life was a message to the people. However, look over your life and see what God has called you to do and learn. Your life experiences are messages and sermons to the people you meet. What we have to do is listen to God and allow Him to shape our lives so that His message is clearly given to the people who encounter you.

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