



Hosea 12-14 Growth group questions

Personal preparation **BEFORE** the growth group meets:-

Q1. Reflect back over what we've read in Hosea so far.

a. What have you learnt about Israel & sin?

b. What have you learnt about the Lord God?

Read Hosea 11.12-13.16

Q2. Write down what you notice about Israel' disobedience & the Lord God' continuing grace.

	Israel's disobedience	The Lord God's continuing grace
11.12-12.6		
12.7-10		
12.11-13		
12.14		
13.1-16		

Note: The graphic & disturbing imagery in Chp 13 is a description & warning of the type of warfare conducted by the Assyrian armies.

Q3. What truths do you learn of the Lord God from Chps 12-13?

Q4. How do you see these truths displayed in Jesus?

Q5. How should you respond to these truths?

WHEN the growth group meets:-

Discussion starter

Discuss this quote from C.S. Lewis:- "Every one says forgiveness is a lovely idea, until they have something to forgive".

A. Share & discuss what you each wrote on your chart (Q2.).

B. Share & discuss your responses to Q3.4. & 5..

Read Hosea 14

"Return" has been a key theme in Hosea. In vv1-3 the prophet calls on the people to return in repentance.

C. Discuss how remarkable you think v1 is.

D. Discuss what strikes you as important in the words the prophet offers (vv2-3)

E. Discuss how these words offer a template for our prayers of repentance.

F. In the light of the whole prophecy, take time to help each other to appreciate the wonder of the steadfast love & grace of the Lord God in vv4-8!

G. 14.9 is addressed to all who would sit under the teaching of Hosea (including us!). From your reading of Hosea, see if you can summarise what the wise should understand from the prophecy.

Reflecting back over the whole prophecy pray prayers & praise & thanksgiving & repentance together.