

# Callide Valley Presbyterian Church

[Biloela & Jambin]



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# 1

# The Incredible Faithfulness of God



What does it mean to be faithful 'no matter what'?

How easy is that?



**NIV Hosea 1:10<sup>10</sup> "Yet the Israelites will be like the sand on the seashore, which cannot be measured or counted. In the place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' they will be called 'children of the living God.'**

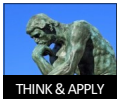


Despite Israel's brazen unfaithfulness to God, he will continue to keep his promise to Abraham and his descendants.



**READ HOSEA 1:1**

1. What do you know about the minor prophets and where they figure in Israel's history?
2. What do you know about the kings who reigned while Hosea was a prophet? (See 2Kings 14:23-25; 2Ki 15:32-35; 2Ki 16:1-4; 2Ki 18:1-4)
3. Do they seem to be following Moses' instruction for kings of Israel in Deuteronomy 17:15-20? (What might they have missed?)
4. What impact are these kings having on the lives of those in Israel, and why might this be a problem?



**READ HOSEA 1:2**

5. What is God's instruction to Hosea and how is this confronting?
6. What reason is given for the prophet to go and do this?
7. What is the prophet's family life going to display to the people of Israel?
8. Does God have the right to command someone to do this?
9. How does Hosea respond and what is the outcome? (v.3)



Read Romans 9:16-25 & 10:10-13 .

What does Paul reveal about these verses in Hosea chapter 1?

What does Paul reveal about God's plan to rescue us from our unfaithfulness?



10. What is Hosea and Gomer’s first child to be called, and what does his name mean for the life of Israel?

11. What is Hosea and Gomer’s second child to be called, and what does her name mean for the life of Israel? (v.6)



12. What is Hosea and Gomer’s third child to be called, and what does his name mean for the life of Israel? (v.8-9)

13. How do Hosea’s family demonstrate what will happen to Israel for their Idolatry and false worship? (IN What parts of our life might we be in a similar danger?)

14. What verses in this chapter speak of God’s faithfulness despite Israel’s desperately unfaithful lifestyle?

15. What is directly quoted in verse 10, and what is the implication for Abraham’s descendants?



16. How are we a part of God’s promises to Abraham? (See Gal 3:26-29)

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How important is it for us to remember God’s faithfulness?

Pray that we’d be encouraged to continue to pray for each other and allow God to bring us to maturity in Christ Jesus.



**NIV Romans 10:12-13**  
**12 For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, 13 for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”**

Give thanks to our Father in Heaven for our faith in Jesus Christ and the love we have for each other, and pray that these would grow more and more.

Pray that we would remember to encourage others this week, especially those who are facing hardship in their lives.

Praise God that he remains faithful even though we do not

pray also

for Term 4 at School

for VIP-Net Jr, VIP-Net Youth and Sunday school which kick off over these next two weeks.

For CQ Men’s Convention coming up at the end of the month.



for sunday’s bible talk and next week’s study read...

Hosea 2:1-3:5



What are some of the things that people are rescued from?



<sup>NIV</sup> **Hosea 2:19-20** I will betroth you to me forever; I will betroth you in righteousness and justice, in love and compassion. <sup>20</sup> I will betroth you in faithfulness, and you will acknowledge the LORD.



Despite our unfaithfulness God pursues us and offers us full restoration in our relationship with him... Everlasting Peace with God.



READ HOSEA 2:1–7

1. Who is this illustration about and what have they done?

2. Why are they going to go back to ‘their husband’?

READ HOSEA 2:8–13

3. What is going to happen in Israel because of their persistent Baal worship? (Hint: there’s something different in each verse from 9 through 13)



4. How have Israel shown that they have forgotten the Lord and everything they heard from Moses in Deuteronomy 28?

READ HOSEA 2:14–23

5. How is the Lord going to respond to Israel’s unfaithfulness, and how might this defy human understanding?



6. In each of these verses, what does it say that God is going to do, and how will each of his actions change their circumstances?



7. How much better is God treating them than what they deserve?

8. How are Israel expected to respond to God when he does these things (esp. v.20 & 23)?

Read Deuteronomy 28:1-68 (& 27:14-15)

Do Israel deserve to receive the blessings or the curses according to what they’ve heard from Moses?

What kind of things might they expect to receive from Deuteronomy 28 given their conduct in the promised land?



## READ HOSEA 3:1-5

9. How does Hosea's own marriage mimic what is going on with God and Israel?

10. What does Hosea do in order to get his wife to come home?



11. What will reconciliation look like for Israel (vv.4-5)?

12. In what ways have we turned our backs on God and been party to Spiritual prostitution. What are some of the things we have bought into over the years, thinking that they will be the gateway to the good life?

13. How has God pursued us and treated us better than we deserved? (See e.g. Ephesians 2:1-9)



14. How should we respond to God ?

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How important is it for us to keep living the way God wants us to live rather than chasing after worldly things?

Pray that we'd be encouraged to live the righteous lives that God desires.



**NIV Hosea 3:5**  
*Afterward the Israelites will return and seek the Lord their God and David their king. They will come trembling to the Lord and to his blessings in the last days.*

Give thanks to our Father in Heaven that he chose to rescue us through faith in Jesus Christ. Pray that our love for God and the love we have for each other, would grow more and more as we mature in Christ.

Pray that we would remember to encourage others this week, to live according to God's desire for our lives.

Praise God that he has a plan to bring his people to maturity and furnish them with the crown of life.

pray also

for Missionaries Keith and Elspeth Campbell in PNG.

for VIP-Net Youth Semi-Formal.

For the PCQ.



for sunday's bible talk and next week's study read...

Hosea 4



What is the closest thing to 'Eternal Judgment' that our modern society believes in? How might we change their point of view?



<sup>NIV</sup> **Hosea 4:1** Hear the word of the LORD, you Israelites, because the LORD has a charge to bring against you who live in the land: "There is no faithfulness, no love, no acknowledgment of God in the land."



All people and all of Creation have been caught up in the sin of mankind (4:3). Judgment comes upon us all, unless we acknowledge God and our need for him.



READ HOSEA 4:1–2

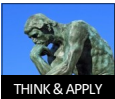
1. How would you describe the behaviour of the Israelites?

2. What has the wicked behaviour of Israel caused (v.3)?

READ HOSEA 4:4–8

3. Why are they stumbling and why are they being 'destroyed'?

4. What is the 'exchange' Hosea talks about in verse 7, and where else have you heard this in scripture?



5. What does it mean for God to reject them as his priests (c.f. Exodus 19:6)?

6. How much do we draw upon God's wisdom contained in his word, and how much do we rely on the ways of the world? How might we avoid being caught up in worldly ways?



READ HOSEA 4:9–14

7. What does the first half of v.9 mean and what does it tell us about the importance of good leadership amongst God's people?



8. Who will be punished for Israel's behaviour? (v.9)

Read Romans 1:18-25

How does Paul describe the state of the human heart?

What hope do we have if we continue to rely on ourselves in this life and not on God?

What do we need?





9. When might we be tempted to conduct worship on our own terms and not on God's?

READ HOSEA 4:15–19



10. What is the distinction here between Israel and Judah? (Where are Gilgal and Beth Aven?)

11. What are Judah being 'counselled' to do and why might this be the case?

12. How can the possibly rectify the situation in 4:1?

13. How can we avoid the same pitfalls given the Apostle Paul's read on the human situation in Romans 3:9-20? (Hint: see vv.21-22!)



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What are some of the best ways to remember God and how he calls us to live as his people?

Pray that we'd be encouraged to live the righteous lives that God desires.



**NIV Romans 3:9-11**  
**<sup>9</sup> What shall we conclude then? Do we have any advantage? Not at all! For we have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under the power of sin. <sup>10</sup> As it is written: There is no one righteous, not even one; <sup>11</sup> there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God.**

Give thanks to our Father in Heaven for our faith in Jesus Christ and the love we have for each other. Pray that we would be rich in our faith in Jesus and so inherit the kingdom he has promised to those who love him.

Pray that we would remember to encourage others this week, remembering how Jesus has given his life so that we can be forgiven.

Praise God that he has a plan to bring salvation to his people, and give thanks that we no longer have to make endless sacrifices/give thanks for the new covenant.

pray also

for our Elders and those who lead our ministries.

for the VIP-Net Youth and their leaders.

For our Police Force and those in our Emergency Services.



for sunday's bible talk and next week's study read...

Hosea 5-6



What are some common situations where people ask for mercy?



<sup>NIV</sup> **Hosea 6:6** For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.



God wants us to be merciful and compassionate to each other rather than self-centred and treacherous. We are called to acknowledge our sin and return to the Lord.



READ HOSEA 5:1–6

1. How many times in verse 1 are Israel called to take heed of God's words of prophecy? What does this tell you about the importance of these words?

2. What is the image in verse 2, and what does this mean if they are not at war at that point in time?

3. Looking at verse 4 - how have their actions determined their future, and why are they unable to change?



READ HOSEA 5:7–15

4. What kind of things are going to happen to Israel and Judah because of their wickedness?

5. Where did Ephraim turn for help (v.13) and why was this fruitless?

6. What action will see them return to the Lord, and what will their return look like?



READ HOSEA 6:1–3

7. How does the tone change in these 3 verses, and what is the call?



8. How sure is Hosea that the Lord will respond?

9. What is different here compared to 5:6—what has changed?

Read Jeremiah 31:31-33

What will be the difference between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant that God will make with the people?

What change in 'status' can we expect in the New Covenant? (see end of v.33)





10. How do these verses speak to us?



11. What is God's desire for his people (v.6)? How might this apply to us?

12. What is the shocking image revealed in verses 8-10? What is their bloodshed and injustice doing to the people? What does verse 6 mean in the light of this wickedness in the land? (c.f. Jeremiah 7:1-11)

14. Read Romans 6:1-14. How does Paul describe what the Christian attitude to sin ought to be?

15. How is Jesus the solution to all the evil practices that were taking place in Judah and Israel? What might we learn from this today?



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What are some ways we can remember what Jesus has done for us?

Pray that we'd be encouraged to live the righteous lives that God desires.



**NIV Romans 6:1-2**  
**What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?**

Give thanks to our Father in Heaven for our faith in Jesus Christ and the love we have for each other. Pray that we would strive to live righteously in God's sight, knowing that Jesus forgives us when we get it wrong.

Pray that we would remember to encourage others this week, to trust Jesus and follow his example by doing the things he did.

Praise God that he has a plan to make his people holy and bless us with eternal life.

pray also

for our Sunday School ministry and our Sunday School teachers

for the work of the Presbyterian Inland Mission and the work they do to bring the gospel to the remotest parts of our country.



for sunday's bible talk and next week's study read...

Hosea 7 .

# 5

# Crying Out to God From Your Heart



Have you ever done something embarrassing/naughty without realising you had an audience?



<sup>NIV</sup> **Hosea 7:13** Woe to them, because they have strayed from me! Destruction to them, because they have rebelled against me! I long to redeem them but they speak about me falsely.



Left to our own devices we all (like sheep) go astray. We each need the Lord God to work in our hearts to draw us back to him!

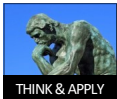


READ HOSEA 7:1–7

1. What happens whenever God tries to restore Israel to their former glory and heal all their wounds? (What is 'exposed' v.1)

2. What have Israel failed to realise (v.2)? Why might this also be a good thing for us to remember?

3. What are the kings and princes delighted with? What is going on here so that by the end of verse 7 the kings have fallen and the rulers are 'devoured'?



4. What is the sad reality identified at the end of verse 7, and how close does this mirror Australian politics today?

READ HOSEA 7:8–12

5. What is Ephraim doing that is weakening him without him realising it? (c.f. Deut 11:16-21 & Deut 12:1-7) What is he MEANT to be doing?



6. Where have Israel failed to 'return to' or 'search for'? (Where would we 'search' for such things today?)



7. What is the image in verse 11 about and how does it communicate the utter vulnerability of Israel as a nation?

8. What will happen to them if they continue like this—relying on the nations around them?(v.12)

READ HOSEA 7:13–16

9. What words are used to describe Israel's actions in verse 13?

Read 2Peter 1:3-11

How do we 'escape' the corruption of the world according to Peter? [What has Jesus given us?]

What are we to 'make every effort' to do and why? (vv.5-9)

What do we stand to receive if we do the things Peter recommends?



10. What will be God's response to their actions? (v.13)



11. What would God 'prefer' to do in v.13? (How does this compare with Jesus' words in Matthew 23:37-39?)

12. If this is how Israel were treating their God, how would they have been treating his messengers the prophets?

13. What is their response when they don't get what they want from their false gods? (v.14) How would things improve if they 'cried out to God from their heart'?

14. How can we take a stand for the Lord in our times when we see much of the same behaviour today in both society and amongst our leaders?



15. How might you be able to encourage a brother or sister in Christ who is currently facing a tough situation in their life?

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What are some ways we can speak kind words to each other? (Prov 16:24)

Pray that we'd be encouraged to live the righteous lives that God desires.



**NIV Matthew 5:11-12**  
**11 "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."**

Give thanks to our Father in Heaven for our faith in Jesus Christ and the love we have for each other. Pray that we would speak well of each other and say things that build one another up in our faith in Jesus.

Pray that we would remember to encourage others this week, to trust Jesus and follow his example by doing the things he did.

for the ministry of our Committee of Management.

That our Local Chaplaincy Committee will be able to fill a number of chaplaincy vacancies including our High School, Primary School, and District Schools.

for the Presbyterian Church in Emerald and particularly that Rod would be a faithful minister of God's word as he and the church reach out to the Emerald community with the gospel.



for sunday's bible talk and next week's study read...

Hosea 8 .



How do you feel when you make a good choice? How different is it to making a bad choice?



<sup>NIV</sup> **Hosea 8:11-12** “Though Ephraim built many altars for sin offerings, these have become altars for sinning. <sup>12</sup> I wrote for them the many things of my law, but they regarded them as something foreign.



Israel have Ignored God's plan for their lives - will you do the same?



READ HOSEA 8:1

1. Verse 1 tells us that there is an 'eagle over the House of the Lord'. Why might this be a problem? (See Hosea 7:11 & Deuteronomy 28:49-50)

2. According to verse 1—why is the eagle here?

3. Is there any way Israel could have foreseen this outcome?

READ HOSEA 8:2-4

4. What are Israel 'saying' about their allegiance to God?



5. What do their actions 'show' about their allegiance to God? (3 actions in vv.2-4)

6. When might we 'say' that Jesus is Lord of our life but instead go and do our own thing? (When are we most at risk of this?)



7. How might we avoid simply paying 'lip-service' to Jesus' Lordship and actually allow him to guide and direct our lives?



8. What are the consequences of 'only saying' we follow Jesus, while basically still doing our own thing? (see Matthew 7:21-22)

READ HOSEA 8:5-7

9. Israel have been tempted to “add” other things to their worship of God. What are they told to 'throw-out' and what is it making them 'incapable of'? What do they risk when doing this/what is their reward?

Read 1John 5:18-21

What kind of world are we living in today & who influences it? (Why is it good for us to remember this?)

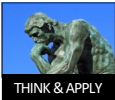
What kind of knowledge and understanding will help us withstand the evil one and resist his ways and temptations?

What should be our attitude to idols? (Which idols are you most at risk with?)



10. How long have Israel been tempted to 'add' other things to their worship of God? (See Exodus 32:1-6)

11. What are some of the things that we might be tempted to 'add' to our own worship of God? (What are some of society's idols today?)



READ HOSEA 8:8-14

12. What attitude have Israel had towards God's Law and how they are supposed to live in the Promised Land? (vv.11-12, v.1, v.4)

13. What has happened to the 'method' of sacrificial purification of the people of God? What is coming for Israel?

14. How are God's people meant to respond to his word and his instruction? (See Jeremiah 15:15-21)



15. What does it mean if we 'schedule our time' to the point where we limit our involvement with church, church family, and church related activities? (Who gets the 'Lion's share' of our time instead when we do this?)

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What are some ways we can live the kind of life God calls us to live?

Pray that we'd be encouraged to live in a way that brings honour and glory to God.



**NIV Jeremiah 15:16**  
**16 When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, LORD God Almighty.**

Give thanks to our Father in Heaven that because of the salvation he provides us in Jesus his Son—we deserve his undivided loyalty and attention.

Pray that we would remember to encourage others this week, to avoid the temptations this world offers.

Pray that we would ask God for the things we need, rather than seek to obtain our wants and desires by worldly means.

pray also

for our kids, youth and young adults.

for the Middle East Reformed Fellowship (MERF) and their work with Arab and Muslim peoples around the world.

For Emmanuel Jhonly and the work of IRFQ and the mission to southern India. Pray for his upcoming trip to India.



for Sunday's bible talk and next week's study read...

Hosea 9-10 .



What are some of the best plants you've ever grown and what 'ingredients' or conditions were there for the plant/s to flourish?



**Hosea 10:12** <sup>NIV</sup> <sup>12</sup> Sow righteousness for yourselves, reap the fruit of unfailing love (HESED), and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the LORD, until he comes and showers his righteousness on you.



We can either choose to live with God as our Lord, or try to run our lives our own way!!



READ HOSEA 9:1-6

1. Why are Israel told NOT to rejoice?

2. Why will the threshing floors and wine presses NOT provide anything for the people?

3. What going to happen to the people of Israel (v.3, 6)

READ HOSEA 9:7-12

4. What is like to be a prophet of God's people at this time in Israel and why?



5. What was the deep corruption in the days of 'Gibeah' about? (see 1Samuel 12:19 & 10:26-27 & Hosea 10:3)

6. How did God feel about the 'forefathers of Israel', and what turning point saw God angry with them (v.10)?



READ HOSEA 9:13-10:10

7. What will happen to Israel's future generations if they continue down the path of idolatry? (how does this compare with what Moses warned them in Deuteronomy 28:62-63; 29:18-21).



8. What will happen to people who persist in going their own way and relying on their own strength (10v.10)? How might this also be true for us today? (See Rev 6:15-17)

READ HOSEA 10:11-12

9. What does Hosea call Israel to do? What will happen if they do as he instructs?

Read Proverbs 3:5-18

What will be the value of listening to the Lord's wisdom and taking to heart his rebuke?





10. How might the same be true for us today? (c.f. Romans 6:20-23; Galatians 6:8-9)



11. How does Hosea's ongoing prophecy reveal the true heart of God for his people (his HESED-love)?

12. Why should we also have such a heart as Hosea? (Who can we save?)

13. What might be the result of persistently sharing the gospel with our current generation of people and 'pursuing them' with the truth as Hosea is doing. (c.f. John 4:36; Romans 10:12-15)



14. What changes might you need to make in your life in order for you to see a 'harvest of righteousness and peace'?

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What are some ways we can remind ourselves of Jesus' wholehearted commitment (HESED) to us?

Pray that we'd respond to Jesus with the same kind of love and commitment he has shown us.



**NIV Galatians 6:8-9**  
**<sup>8</sup> Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. <sup>9</sup> Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.**

Give thanks to our Father in Heaven that because of the salvation he provides us in Jesus his Son—and for the many other blessings he pours down upon us.

Pray that we would be alert to the good things we ought to be doing, and take the time to do them.

Pray that we would be keen to tell others the good news of the gospel of Christ.

pray also

for our music ministry and all those in our church who serve the Lord in this way

for Inside/Out Chaplaincy (formerly CCC) as they continue to minister in word and in deed to prisoners across our state.

for the ministry of Nathan and Naomi Shannon in Gladstone

For our upcoming Mission Week with AFES



for sunday's bible talk and next week's study read...

Hosea 11-12 .



What are some of the loving things that a father might do for his children?



<sup>NIV</sup> **Hosea 11:8b-9** My heart is changed within me; all my compassion is aroused. 9 I will not carry out my fierce anger, nor will I devastate Ephraim again. For I am God, and not a man—the Holy One among you. I will not come against their cities.



God has great compassion upon his people and acts mercifully toward them even though it is not deserved.



READ HOSEA 11:1-4

1. Where had God's people Israel become a Nation, and how did he 'call them out'? (What specific events took place? c.f. Hosea 12:13)

2. How might verse 1 have more than one meaning? (c.f. Matthew 2:13-15)  
Hint: how might Jesus be the fulfillment of the call 'out of slavery'?

3. What are all the 'fatherly actions' that God has done for Israel/Ephraim (vv.3-4)?



4. How do modern nations treat God when he has done similar things for them also? (Think of all the blessings we have here in Australia each and every day...)

READ HOSEA 11:5-7

5. How can Israel be making so many sacrifices and yet 'refuse to repent'? What will happen as a result of their refusal?



6. What are God's people 'determined to do'? (v.7)



7. What normally happens in human relationships when 'one party' is determined to act like this?

READ HOSEA 11:8-11

8. What do these verses expose about God's heart for his people? How does God show his compassion?

9. What reason does he give for not carrying out his fierce anger and devastation upon them? (v.9)

Read Galatians 3:26 - 4:7

How are we sons of God?

What things will we inherit as God's sons?

Who makes up the people who are 'one in Christ'? How big will this nation of people be?



10. How will God bring his people back to himself? (what imagery is used here—both of God and of the people?)

READ HOSEA 11:12-12:6

11. In the face of all the lies, deceit, unruly-ness and violence, what is Hosea's call to the people?



READ HOSEA 12:7-14

12. How did God continue to lead his people through all of the 'mess'? (v.10, v.13) DO you think it is still the same for us today?

13. As disciples of Jesus, how are we instructed to 'live as God's people' in the mess of life/society? (c.f. 1Peter 2:13-17; 2Peter 3:13-18; James 1:19-25; 1Corinthians 5:9-13; Hebrews 13:7-8))



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**NIV Hebrews 13:7-8**  
**7 Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.**

Give thanks to our Father in Heaven that because of the salvation he provides us in Jesus his Son—and for the many other blessings he pours down upon us.

Pray that we would be patient, and trust God in all things, remembering the example of Job, and that of Jesus.

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For our church leaders

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for the work of the Bible League as they seek to provide bibles to persecuted Christians.



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Hosea 13-14 .



What are some of the things people might rescue from the dump and WHY would they do this?



<sup>NIV</sup> **Hosea 14:1-2** Return, Israel, to the LORD your God. Your sins have been your downfall! 2 Take words with you and return to the LORD. Say to him: "Forgive all our sins and receive us graciously, that we may offer the fruit of our lips."



The only solution to mankind's waywardness is to return to the Lord and cast ourselves upon his mercy and grace. He will respond positively to all who truly seek him!



READ HOSEA 13:1-8

1. Why will God's people be like 'morning mist'; 'chaff'; and 'escaping smoke'? What is going to cause them to disappear?

2. What is the ONE CHANCE they have of 'not disappearing' like smoke? (v.4)

3. What will God be like if they remain in their sin?



READ HOSEA 13:9-16

4. Who is going to be able to assist Israel if God does not? (will their king be of any assistance?)

5. How does verse 14 stand out in stark contrast to the rest of the chapter? What does it mean to be 'ransomed from the grave'?



READ HOSEA 14:1-3

7. What is the call of Hosea to the people here, and what does he say has been their downfall?



8. In what way is this similar to Jesus' ministry call in Mark 1:14-15?

9. What are God's people told to 'bring with them' when they return to God?

Read Matthew 7:24-27

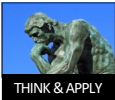
What is this parable all about?

What is Jesus calling us to do here?



10. What kind of things does Hosea call them to acknowledge before God, and what kind of similar things might we acknowledge ourselves before the Lord?

READ HOSEA 14:4-9



11. How will God respond to his people when they do this and how does this summarise/capture the heart of the book and God's 'HESED' love for his people?

12. What does Paul remind us of when he quotes Hosea 13:14 in his first letter to the Corinthians? (see 1Corinthians 15:55-58)

13. What does Hosea call the wise person to do(v.9), and how does this resonate with other wisdom passages in the bible?



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