

Discussion Questions

Hosea 4:1-3, 12-14 - Immorality

Sunday, November 7, 2021

Ice Breaker (Optional. Take just a few minutes on this):

- A. When you go to a restaurant, do you tend to decide quickly or slowly what you want to order?

Reflecting on the Passage

1. The language in Chapter 4 suggests that Israel is on trial. What is God's controversy with the inhabitants of the land? (v. 1-2)
2. In Hosea 4:6, what does the Lord identify as the reason for Israel's destruction?
3. Where have the Israelites placed their hope? (vss. 12-13)
4. How is immorality being lived out in the families of Israel? (vs. 13-14)
5. What is the result of choosing a morality other than God's? (v. 14)

Reflecting on your Life

6. Which scripture passages shape your understanding of biblical morality? (At a loss for passages? Consider Exodus 20:1-17; Matthew 5:21-48; 6:12; 1 Timothy 6:11-12; 2 Timothy 2:22-25a)
7. What is an area of your life where you struggle to allow God full control? What is the concern or fear or anxiousness that keeps you from leaning fully on Him in that area?
8. In the sermon, Pastor Paul said, *"The call to commitment isn't just a call to not do [immoral] things, the call to commitment is to see the glorious beauty of Jesus and say, 'I know it seems like following Jesus costs me, but what is that compared to what I've got in Him and His surpassing beauty?'"* How do you respond to this? To what degree does this describe your life?
9. Discuss as a group ways you can grow in knowing Christ's surpassing beauty in your everyday lives.
10. When you consider Matthew 13:44, to what degree does the rule and reign of Jesus over your life bring you joy?
11. In what ways do you "present your body as a living sacrifice" as your spiritual (reasonable, logical) worship?
12. How do you determine your level of involvement in the life of the church?
13. Charles Wesley wrote one of the old hymns entitled, "Jesus, Lover of my Soul" and the first verse starts out: "Jesus, Lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly." What does it mean for you that Jesus is the Lover of your soul? What scriptures does this word picture call to mind?

Deeper into Scripture

14. Proverbs 1:29 indicates that when we reject the knowledge of the Lord, we reject the Lord himself. What does rejecting the knowledge of the Lord do to a person's life? How does growing in the knowledge of the Lord change us?

From the bulletin.... ***Kingdom Implications for Your Life:***

15. *Prayerfully ask yourself what commitment to Christ looks like in your life? Are you in alignment with Him? Have you bought the field?*