

LESSON 3 - Hosea 5-6



Hosea 6:1

Come, and let us return to the LORD;

For He has torn,
but He will heal us;

He has stricken,
but He will bind us up.

Teaching Notes

Date: _____

♥ One thing that impacted my heart the most from this teaching was:

Day 1 *Begin your study with time in prayer. Ask God to show you His truth.*

Step 1 God's Word- Read the passage given below from your Bible. As you read, highlight or underline a verse that stood out to you the most and write it below.

Hosea 5:1-4

Step 2 Comprehend the Word- What does the verse mean?

Step 3 Connect It To You - What does the verse mean to me?

Step 4 Cross Thoughts- Record cross reference verse(s) or other verses that came to mind.

Step 5 Call to Action- How will I respond and what will I do differently?

Theme: _____

Digging Deeper

Listen up, pay attention and obey. The priests were not leading the people to the Lord but allowing them to continue in their idolatry. By allowing the sin to continue and not call for repentance the priests and even the royal family (i.e: those in positions of political power) allowed and maybe encouraged the people to continue in their idolatry; therefore they would be caught in snares and traps leading to a devastating end, and it can be expected they will see the Lord's wrath. We too can have the spirit of harlotry in our midst (v4) when we continually love something or someone more than God.

1. What current events are you witnessing in America that correlate to this passage?

2. What prevented the priests from returning and knowing the Lord? (v4)

3. Where should our deeds be directed? (v4)

4. What does 2 Timothy 4:1-5 tell us to do and what will we see in these last days?

Pray for our elected officials, our nation and for those within the church who, being liberal in their thinking, are not hearing or heeding the Word of God.

Day 2 Pray for our church, Pastors and their wives.

Step 1 God's Word- Read the passage given below from your Bible. As you read, highlight or underline a verse that stood out to you the most and write it below.

Hosea 5:5-9

Step 2 Comprehend the Word- What does the verse mean?

Step 3 Connect It To You - What does the verse mean to me?

Step 4 Cross Thoughts- Record cross reference verse(s) or other verses that came to mind.

Step 5 Call to Action- How will I respond and what will I do differently?

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Digging Deeper

1. Using your concordance to find and list at least 2 Bible verses dealing with the issue of 'pride' and what you learned about it.

a. _____

b. _____

2. What does Israel intend to do and why will their efforts be futile? (v6)

The word 'stumbles' [kashal-kä-shal'] means to bring injury or ruin to, to overthrow. Sometimes we stumble ourselves (Jeremiah 18:15) and sometimes others cause us to stumble (Matt 26:31).

3. Read 1 Corinthians 8:13 and explain the principle Paul was teaching.
4. Read 2 Peter 1:10. What does the apostle Peter teach us?
5. **Personal insight:** What else did you learn from today's passage that was not mentioned?

Day 3 Pray for our Nation, State and City Officials.

Step 1 God's Word- Read the passage given below from your Bible. As you read, highlight or underline a verse that stood out to you the most and write it below.

Hosea 5:10-15

Step 2 Comprehend the Word- What does the verse mean?

Step 3 Connect It To You - What does the verse mean to me?

Step 4 Cross Thoughts- Record cross reference verse(s) or other verses that came to mind.

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Digging Deeper

God said the leaders of Judah had become “like those who remove a landmark”. This phrase possibly indicates or refers to the attack on Ephraim by Judah. The Law forbids moving a boundary stone to steal property (Deut 19:14). Judah’s aggression was like that of a thief. Another interesting note regarding the phrase “like those who remove a landmark” is that in Hebrew only one word is used-‘nacag’ and it means to move away, backslide, move, go, turn back.

”In the Dead Sea scrolls, the phrase is used as a metaphor for people who led Israel astray from the rightful worship of Yahweh.”⁴

1. What analogy does God use and what does it mean? (v12)

2. Instead of turning to God in their ‘sickness’ Israel and Judah turned to whom? Was he able to help? (v13)
 - a. Who do you tend to run to when things get serious in your life?

3. The Lord will return to His place until what occurs?

4. How will a sincerely repentant person seek the Lord? (v15b)
 - a. Read Jeremiah 29:13 and 33:3. How should we seek the Lord and what does He promise?

Day 4 Pray for Missionaries

Step 1 God's Word- Read the passage given below from your Bible. As you read, highlight or underline a verse that stood out to you the most and write it below.

Hosea 6:1-5

Step 2 Comprehend the Word- What does the verse mean?

Step 3 Connect It To You - What does the verse mean to me?

Step 4 Cross Thoughts- Record cross reference verse(s) or other verses that came to mind.

Step 5 Call to Action- How will I respond and what will I do differently?

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Digging Deeper

In a speech made in 1863, Abraham Lincoln said, "We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us."

In chapter 5 God speaks through Hosea and warned Israel that until the people acknowledge their offense, in other words 'confess', God would return to His place on high and not help them.

In chapter 6:1-2 Hosea does two things, 1) he encouraged Israel to return to the LORD, to repent of their sin and idolatry, and then he reminded them of the loving character of God, His grace and mercy. Israel is not the only nation to forget or have a lack of knowledge of God.

1. Take some time to pray and ask the Lord to search your heart- are there unconfessed sins you have to bring to Him? Confess, repent and start walking with God with passion and determination. Journal what the Lord has spoken to your heart (you do not have to share this in small group if you choose not to.)

2. What was Israel's problem as described in Hosea 4:6 and what was Hosea encouraging them to do now? (v3a)

3. What did Jesus tell the Pharisees and his disciples to do in Matthew 9:13?

The greek word for 'learn', used by Jesus in Matthew, is *manthanō* and means- *to be apprised of, to increase in knowledge, to hear and be informed, learn by use and practice, and be in the habit of or accustomed to what you have learned.*

4. What does God promise Israel, and you, in Isaiah 1:18?

5. There was some faithfulness among the people of God, but what did God relate it too? (v4)

Day 5 Pray for your Bible teacher and small group

Step 1 God's Word- Read the passage given below from your Bible. As you read, highlight or underline a verse that stood out to you the most and write it below.

Hosea 6:6-11

Step 2 Comprehend the Word- What does the verse mean?

Step 3 Connect It To You - What does the verse mean to me?

Step 4 Cross Thoughts- Record cross reference verse(s) or other verses that came to mind.

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Digging Deeper

The Lord desires His people to know His character and mimic the character traits of mercy and love. He wants hearts that are right and full of mercy and truth; these things mean more to Him than your sacrifices. Many Christians maintain the appearance of being committed to Christ, but they may not always show mercy or kindness to others. Remember actions really do speak louder than words.

1. What does God desire most of all? (v6)

2. By your observation, what key point did the people miss when they offered their sacrifices to God?

3. How can we be sure we are not just going through the motions in our walk with God?

4. Read Matthew 9:13 and 12:1-7.
 - a. To whom was Jesus speaking?

 - b. What or who were the Pharisees criticizing?

 - c. Do you see the same attitudes today in Christians around you, how about your own heart? Do you find yourself saying, or thinking things about others instead of showing mercy?

Lord, grant me a heart of compassion
 So burdened for others' needs,
 That I will show them Your mercy
 In attitudes, words, and deeds. ~Fitzhugh

Jeremiah 31:34b

“For I will forgive their iniquity,
and their sin I will remember no more.”