

NIV MEMORY VERSE: Hosea 6:6

For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.

THE DIVIDED KINGDOM 16-1**"AN UNACKNOWLEDGED GOD"****Hosea 1:1-6:11****DAY 1 READ Hosea 1:1-6:11**

1. What was significant to you in last week's lesson?
2. Israel watched Hosea's troubled marriage and condemned Gomer for her unfaithfulness. They were blind, however, to apply his situation to their own relationship with God. Imagine if you will these headlines appearing in the local weekly tabloid. What events would they be reporting?
 - a. 1:1,2 Prophet Proposes to Prostitute
 - b. 2:13-16 Love Conquers Lust
 - c. 3:1-3 Prophet Pays Price in Exchange for Promise
 - d. 4:9 People & Priests Promised Punishment
 - e. 5:15 God Uses "Tough Love" on Israel
 - f. 6:6 Ritualistic Ransom Rejected

DAY 2 REVIEW Hosea 1:1-11

3. Hosea prophesied during the reigns of _____, _____, _____ and _____ (of Judah) and _____ (of Israel).
4. What names were given Hosea's children and why?
5. What promises of future blessing and restoration were given in verses 10,11?

DAY 2 (Continued) REVIEW Hosea 1:1-11

6. Why do you think spiritual faithfulness was hard for Israel and can be hard for people today?
7. Why is spiritual and/or physical adultery so devastating to the Christian according to 1 Corinthians 6:18-20?

DAY 3 Hosea 2:1-3:5

8. If God was the husband and the leaders of Israel represented the wife, who do you think the children were who are to "rebuke/contend" with their mother?
9. a. Which verse shows why God was an "angry husband?"
She has an adulterous heart _____
She covets what others can give her _____
She thinks I'll always be there _____
b. What was God going to do in verse 13?
10. What kind of relationship did God want with Israel?
 - a. 2:16
 - b. 2:19
 - c. 2:23
11. To demonstrate the depth of God's love, what was Hosea to do in 3:1-5?
12. a. What actions communicate your love to those closest to you?
b. What actions on their part allow you to feel their love?

DAY 4 REVIEW Hosea 4:1-19

13. What charges in verses 1-3 did the Lord bring against Israel?
14. Fill in verse 6. "My people _____ knowledge."
How do you think that is true today?

DAY 4 (Continued) REVIEW Hosea 4:1-19

- 15.a. Verse 14 reiterates "a people without understanding will come to ruin." From verse 15 whom did God warn not to follow Israel's bad example?
- b. Think of someone who is a GOOD example for your life and share why. (Perhaps they need to know and be encouraged.)

DAY 5 REVIEW Hosea 5:1-6:11

- 16. Ephraim, like Israel, had been corrupted by idolatry.
 - a. What was God's indictment in 5:4?
 - b. In trouble, to whom did Ephraim turn according to 5:13?
- 17. Sin separates us from God (5:15). Token repentance would not do. To what did God liken it in 6:4?
- 18. Ephraim's insincerity did not fool God. What do we learn in Hebrews 4:12,13?
- 19. What did God desire in 6:6?
- 20. **NEW TESTAMENT APPLICATION:** How wondrous is God's love for a sinful people! Write it from John 3:16.

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: