

Hosea 2: 2-23



The text – Hosea 2:2-23

1. Hosea 2:2-13 is the first main section of this passage. What has Israel done wrong? What are God's punishments? Notice the repeated use of "I will" throughout this portion of Scripture.
2. In Hosea 2:14-23 God reverses the way he speaks about Israel. Why? Again, notice the "I will" statements throughout this section of Scripture.
3. In Hosea 2:18 Hosea uses the word "covenant". What do you understand "covenant" to mean in the Bible? It is also used in Hosea in 6:7, 8:1, 10:4 and 12:1. Look at some of those references also.
4. The words of Hosea 2:19-20 are quite beautiful. Discuss each of the important covenant words that are used in these verses.
5. Read Hosea 2:21-23. Discuss the language of "answering" or "responding" used in these verses. What does this mean? What will God do to bless his people?

The Scriptures – Hosea 2: 2-23 as a portion of the Scriptures

6. Covenant curses and blessings are initially found in the books of Moses. Read, for example, Leviticus 26:1-13. Discuss these words of blessing which are very much to do with the land which God is giving to the people of Israel.
7. Read Leviticus 26:14-20, the first section of covenant curses in this chapter. Compare these words with what you have been reading in Hosea. What do you think about God as you read these words?
8. What does Paul teach about Jesus in Galatians 3:10-14? How has Jesus radically changed everything by "becoming a curse for us"? What do you think about God as you read these words in Galatians?
9. The apostle Paul describes believers in Jesus as being "in Christ". This is the language of being in God's covenant. Read, for example, Ephesians 1:7-10. What is God's purpose for all who know Christ? What is God's purpose for all things?
10. Read the words of Hebrews 13:20-21. What do these words teach about God's covenant?

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Hosea 2: 2-23 as a portion of the Scriptures

11. What have you learnt about God in this study? How has it challenged your faith?
12. How can we treat others like God treats us? What does it mean for you to live in keeping with God's covenant?
13. How can we pray for you? Support you in your walk with Jesus?