

Background

- To whom did Hosea prophesy? How does this help us understand this book?
- What does the Lecture suggest about the author of this book? What is his relation to the events described in the book? How does this illustrate the message of this book? How does this apply?
- What does the Lecture suggest about the date of this book? What was happening at this time?

Outline

- How is the book of Hosea organized? What are the two main sections of Hosea? What does each section generally cover? What are the subsections in each? What does this all tell us about the overall content of this book? How does this help us to read, understand, and apply Hosea?
- Describe Hosea's story and how his experience is integral to the message of this book?
- What is the nature of God's message through Hosea and his experience? How does this apply?

Content

- What are the key verses of Hosea? What does each highlight? What does each tell us about the overall content and message of Hosea? What does each tell us about how God deals with His people?
- How are the names of Hosea's children used to communicate God's message in this book?
- What are the charges God makes against Israel in this book? Do these charges apply to current churches? If so, how? How should we respond?
- How do the key verses reveal the heart of God for His people? Why is this significant? How does this apply to us today?
- What understanding and attitude does the Lecture suggest we NOT take from the message of Hosea? Why is this a misunderstanding of Hosea's message? Describe the true understanding and attitude we should have? How should this influence our lives?
- What application does the book of Hosea clearly suggest for its message? How should we apply the message of Hosea?

Themes

- Explain each of the theological themes in your own words. What does each tell us about the content, message and significance of Hosea? How should each idea be applied in current life?
- Explain how idolatry is like adultery and how adultery is an appropriate way to illustrate idolatry? What is the significance of this for how we should understand and avoid idolatry? Why is it necessary for us to take this message very seriously?
- What does the Lecture mean when it claims that with only the first theme, without the second theme, there would be no hope in Hosea? What does this tell us about Christian life in general? Why is this important?
- How does the second theme give hope? Why is this important for the message of this book? According to the Lecture, how should we understand and how should we NOT understand this theme? What difference does this make?

Review

- Review the two main sections of Hosea and work toward committing them to memory.
- Review the key themes of Hosea and work toward committing them to memory.