

STUDY GUIDE

Hosea 11:1-4

“The Coming of the Kingdom: God's Relentless Pursuit of His People”

- 1) **The prophet Hosea lived during a time of peace, prosperity comfort - which lead the people of God in Israel into moral decay and spiritual adultery. In what ways do we see that today?**

- 2) **In what ways is our relationship with God like a marriage? What is spiritual adultery?**

- 3) **Discuss the ways God showed His relentless love for us during our fall into sin in the Garden.**

- 4) **Define and discuss the 3 things in Hosea 2:14-20 that God promises to do for us because He love us – even when we are committing spiritual adultery.**

- 5) **In what ways to we rebel against God and reject God and run from God?**

- 6) **Discuss the statement – “God’s punishment is remedial and His correction is an overwhelmingly work of His forgiving grace.” Share what that might look in our own lives.**

- 7) **How can we live out the truth - “God’s purpose in each and every circumstance is reconciliation”?**

- 8) **“God does not love us because of what we are or what we do, but rather God always loves us in spite of what we are and in spite of what we do.” Discuss the positive and negative responses to this.**

- 9) **How does the statement - “*everything* that God does for us is simply because He relentlessly loves us” – affect how you are going to live out your faith in Jesus Christ?**

I led them with cords of kindness, with the bands of love, and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them. Hosea 11:1-4