

Israel's Sinfulness - Hosea 4:1-5:15

Topics: Accountability, Accusation, Adultery, Anger, Conflict, Consequences, Discipline, Disobedience, God, Guilt, Judgment, People, Prophecy, Punishment, Rebellion, Repentance, Sin, Society, War

Open It

1. If you were treated unjustly by someone in your community, how would you want to respond?
2. How do you usually handle feelings of guilt?
- * 3. If you were to write your local newspaper about a thorny social problem, what would you write about and how would you like the issue resolved?

Explore It

- * 4. What charge did God bring against Israel? (4:1-2)
5. What would result from Israel's sin? (4:3)
6. How were the priests implicated in God's indictment? (4:4-11)
7. How had God's people sinned? (4:11-14)
8. What warning did God give Judah? (4:15)
9. What had hindered God from shepherding Israel? (4:16-19)
10. To whom was God's pronouncement of guilt addressed? (5:1-5)
- * 11. What would God withdraw because of Israel's unfaithfulness? (5:6-7)
12. Why would the sound of battle be heard among God's people? (5:8-9)
13. What was God's charge against Judah? (5:10)
14. How had the process of judgment against Israel already started? (5:11-14)
- * 15. What was the ultimate purpose of the Lord's judgment on His people? (5:15)

Get It

16. How should a Christian handle criticism or unsolicited advice from others?
17. What commands from God are difficult for you to obey?
18. When have you experienced God's hand of discipline in your life?
- * 19. How is our society like rebellious Israel?
20. How would you describe the spiritual health of your church community?
- * 21. In what way might the Christian church be partly responsible for the breakdown of morality in our culture?
22. In what ways do you hold yourself accountable to other Christians?
23. How has suffering helped your walk with the Lord?

Apply It

- * 24. This week what can you do in your community to show the love and righteousness of the Lord?
25. For what Christian leaders in your community can you pray?
26. In what practical way can you be involved in the spiritual restoration of Christians you know who have turned away from the Lord?