

## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

The week of Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

*\*\*Last week's sermon & this homework can be found at [gbcmt.org/sermons](http://gbcmt.org/sermons) or on the GBC App*

### Prayer and Praise:

After prayer, continue praising God through song: *Be Though My Vision*

### Together in the Word:

1. What is the purpose of a parable? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What are some examples of parables that Jesus used? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What were the truths or lessons that Jesus was trying to teach through these parables? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Do you think Hosea was fully aware of the lesson that God was trying to teach the people of Israel through the actions of his lifestyle? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. How are the lessons that Hosea was trying to teach Israel applicable to us today? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## A Call to Spiritual Fidelity A Survey of Hosea

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **“A Call to Spiritual Fidelity.”** All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. People tend to understand concepts by example more so than by what?
2. During Jesus' earthly ministry, He often taught by way of what?
3. Parables were relatable stories Jesus used to illustrate what?
4. Parables were intended to obscure what from those who rejected the plain teaching of the Lord?
5. Was Jesus, as the Master teacher, the one who pioneered the method of using object lessons?
6. Jeremiah preached to the people of Jerusalem regarding their coming bondage by wearing what?
7. What prophet cooked his bread on a fire fueled by dung?
8. The 12 tribes of Israel divided after the death of which king?
9. The Northern Kingdom is often referred to by the name of what?
10. The southern kingdom, Judah, had what city as its capital?
11. Which of the two kingdoms had kings that were, without exception, wicked?
12. Which kingdom did Hosea primarily minister to?
13. Who was the only other Old Testament prophet to minister primarily to the Northern kingdom?
14. We can date the prophetic work of Hosea to when?
15. When did the Assyrian Empire destroy the Northern Kingdom?

16. Hosea's story begins with the Lord's command that he use what as an illustration of Israel's sin?
17. The object lesson presented a picture: God's prophet, a man set apart to be holy, joining himself to a what?
18. The prophet's very life would be a symbol of God's union with faithless Israel and a symbol of its what?
19. King Jehu had been commanded by God to do what?
20. Jezreel pictured Israel's past sin and their what?
21. The second child Hosea named Lo-Ruhama, which means what?
22. The name "Lo-Ammi" means "not my people" a reference to what?
23. Gomer strayed to other lovers, and when they left her destitute, she would do what?
24. To picture God's long-suffering love and patience, God tells Hosea to do what in relation to his wife?
25. As a spouse destroys a marriage covenant with adultery, so Israel had violated what?
26. The sins listed in 4:12-13 were represented in what?
27. In 5:9-10, he declares that Ephraim shall become a what?
28. In chapter 6, Hosea says that Israel's what is like a morning cloud, and like the dew that goes early away?
29. In chapter 7, Israel is described as a what?
30. The coming judgment on Israel is pictured in 8:1-3 as a what?
31. 9:17, tells us that God would reject the people because they had not done what?
32. Where do we see the anguish God had in the prospect of disciplining His people?
33. In one book, Hosea, the Lord promises rejection and punishment as well as what?
34. Hosea tells us that Israel's basic problem was the sinful practices and Israel was empty of the what?
35. When God's Word is absent from our lives something else will do what?
36. Do you value the knowledge of the truth as you ought to?
37. The second main point is that the people set their hope in what?
38. Israel would have had all the security they would ever need where?
39. Do you place your hope in government or in Christ?
40. It seems, based upon Hosea 6:4-6, that the Israelites would "cover their bases" with what?
41. What outcast people group did Jesus associate with?
42. The Pharisees were as spiritually sick as the tax collectors, but they would not come to Jesus in repentance, but rather they what?
43. From Hosea, Jesus tells the Pharisees that God desires what?
44. The Pharisees' rituals and acts of service were nothing but what?
45. Does your heart yearn for the living God? Or, are you checking a box?
46. Have you come before the Father in acknowledgment that you are sick, looking to Jesus, the Great Physician?
47. Is your confidence in your full schedule of church activities and functions, or in Christ alone?
48. The big point of Hosea's book is God's desire for what?