



Small Group Notes

Sermon: 8 May 2022



Part 1

SCRIPTURE

Hosea 1

OVERVIEW

John Bailey started our new sermon series looking at the minor prophet Hosea.

John began by looking at this historical context of Hosea: It's the 8th century BC, Israel (the northern kingdom) and Judah (the southern kingdom) are divided, and under King Jeroboam Israel appears to be prospering.

But the sad reality is that Israel was in a terrible state.

God's people trusted in military power and political alliances, social injustice grew severe, they ignored the ten commandments and worshipped the weather-god Baal.

Enter Hosea, the prophet who brings a powerful reminder and warning to Israel - reminding them of God's covenant love, and warning of exile if they continued their stubborn disobedience.

John then focussed on The Messenger and The Message for his sermon.

QUESTIONS

The Messenger

1. How do you hear from God and how do you know it is him speaking
2. How do we feel as God feels, weep as God

weeps and ensure we know the heart of God

3. What excuses do we use for not obeying God's word to us and how can we overcome these excuses

The Message

4. What can we learn from God's judgement on Israel and how we live our lives each day