(1) v10  $\rightarrow$  God's people were faithless to \_\_\_\_\_\_.

(2) v11-12  $\rightarrow$  God's people were faithless to His \_\_\_\_\_ on marriage.

(3) v13-16  $\rightarrow$  God's people were faithless to their marriage \_\_\_\_\_\_.

- 1. **Read v10-12.** What are some ways that we can be faithless to God and to one another in the church?
- 2. What does the phrase in v11 "daughter of a foreign God" highlight about the wives these Israelite men were marrying?
- 3. **Read v13-16.** Why is God not listening to the people's weeping, nor accepting their offerings in v13?
- 4. **Read Eph. 5:25-33.** What is God's purpose for marriage?
- 5. How does this purpose for marriage help us understand v16 (see NASB translation) where God says "I hate divorce"?
- 6. What are some practical difficulties to marrying someone who doesn't share your faith in Christ? How might you be tempted to compromise your faith?
- 7. What are some practical ways (whether we are married or not) to "guard yourself in your spirit"?