

## Hosea 4-10 Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. From Hosea 5:8-15 list some ways Israel sinned (v10, 11) and dealt with the results (v13)? What was God's response (v10, 11, 15) and what would He be like to them (v12, 14)?

5. Using 6:1-7:3 what did Israel believe about God (v1-3)? How loyal did this cause them to be (v4, 5-6, 7; 7:1)? What else did they do wrong (v8-9; 7:2-3)?

6. Looking at 7:4-16 to what pictures did God compare Israel (v4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 16) and what does each mean? What was wrong with them (v7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15)?

7. According to 8:1-14 how did Israel "sow the wind" (v7) - look at v1, 3, 4, 9-10, 11, 12, 14)? How would they reap the whirlwind (v3, 5, 7-8, 10, 13, 14)?

8. From 9:1-9 what will Israel's punishment be (v2, 3, 4-5, 6)? What had happened to their leaders (v7, 8) and why (v8-9)?

9. Read 9:10-17. How did God regard Israel at first (v10, 11, 13) and how did she respond (v10, 15, 17)? What would God do to them (v11-12, 13-14, 15, 16, 17)?

10. In 10:1-10 how did Israel handle prosperity (v1, 2)? How did they treat God (v3, 4) and how did they treat their idols (v5)? How would God deal with them (v6-10)?

11. Based on 10:11-15 how had Ephraim's (Israel's) plowing been wrong (v11, 13) and what would happen (v14-15)? What should they do instead (v12)? Apply.

### Scripture to Remember

*"Sow with a view to righteousness,  
reap in accordance with kindness;  
break up your fallow ground, for it is  
time to seek the Lord until He comes  
to rain righteousness on you."*

***Hosea 10:12 (NASV)***

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### Life Group Questions—Captivated

*(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)*

1. Let the men and the women each share about how they played as a child—what their fantasies and dreams were. Talk about the differences.
2. Read 1 Pet 3:7. Why is it important for husbands especially to seek to understand their wives? How does this help or hinder the spiritual tone of your marriage?
3. Women share what it means to you individually to be romanced. Is it hard to talk about this? Why? Men talk about some personal barriers to romancing your wife.
4. Discuss what does it mean for a woman to have "an irreplaceable role in a big adventure"? Why is this important for women?
5. How do women feel about their beauty, and what are some of the approaches they take to deal with this?
6. Talk specifically about ways that women and their husbands can help fulfill these three aspects of a woman's heart.
7. If there is time bring up anything else from the message that you would like to talk about.



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## Stupid Is As Stupid Does Introduction to Hosea 4-10



**It is good for God to get in our face and straighten us up through His Word.**

### The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

As Forest Gump said, quoting his mother, “Stupid is as stupid does”, meaning that a person’s behavior demonstrates how he thinks. This perfectly describes Israel in this week’s study. In spite of what they said with their mouths their character was seen in their actions. They showed that they were spiritually stupid—they had inadequate knowledge of God’s Word, which led them to break all of His commands. They didn’t realize that their resultant sin was the reason that the entire land mourned. Furthermore, they had their spiritual senses dulled by the “spirit of harlotry” that prevailed among them. They consulted dumb idols and committed adultery in their names, unaware that this would cause their downfall. God could not shepherd them since they

wouldn’t follow Him. The characteristics of their spiritual stupidity were obvious. They had gone into deep depravity and their pride testified against them. They would not find the Lord because they had dealt treacherously with Him, turning to secular alliances and false gods. God would cause the land of Ephraim (Israel) to become desolate; He would be like a moth causing rotteness and a lion to tear them to pieces. Even when they would resolve to turn back to Him to receive His healing, their loyalty would prove to be superficial. It would be like a morning cloud that quickly dissipates and they would soon return to their evil. God compared them to a hot oven that smolders all night, but then cools off without baking the bread.

Israel was a half-baked cake, a silly dove that aimlessly fluttered around, and an untrue bow that couldn’t shoot a straight arrow. God had seen Israel’s great potential, but she had turned from Him to evil. He told them, however, to cure their stupidity by sowing righteousness and reaping kindness, and to break up their fallow ground by seeking Him. If they did the Lord would rain righteousness on them that would raise a harvest of blessing for themselves and others. The saying, “stupid is as stupid does” no longer had to apply to them.

## Daily Study Questions for Hosea 4-10

(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to [www.celebrationnet.com](http://www.celebrationnet.com), small groups, abf)

<p>1. Read Hosea 4:1-10. What case did God have against Israel (v1, 2, 7)? How did they deal with it (v4) and what were the results (v5, 6, 9, 10)?</p>	
<p>2. Using 4:11-19 what else caused the spiritual dullness of Israel (v11, 12) and what did they do that was wrong (v13, 14, 17-18)? What did God caution them against (v15)?</p>	
<p>3. Looking at 5:1-7 what were Israel’s characteristics (v2, 3, 4, 5) and how would God respond to their superficial attempts to return to Him (v2, 6)? Why (v4, 7)?</p>	

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