

Called Out of Egypt

Hosea 7:1-11:11

1. Hosea teaches that human beings become what they worship. What are some examples of people becoming like what they worship? Read 2 Cor. 3:12-4:6. How does the gospel address this issue? In light of 2 Cor. 3:12-4:6, what does a person do to behold and worship God?
2. The sermon mentioned living life before the face of the God who remembers. Why is it important to live life conscious of God's gaze? What might it look like to live this way? If God is a God who remembers sin, then why can we be confident living before the face of God instead of living in fear?
3. How can Matthew 2:14-15 quote a passage about Israel's first Exodus when referring to Jesus' flight from Egypt as a baby? What does Matthew 2:14-15 and Jesus' actions in Matthew 3-5 teach about who Jesus is and what Jesus is doing? Why is this good news?
4. In light of question 3, how can we be said to be recipients of God's love described in Hos. 11:8-9? How do Paul's words in Gal. 3:25-29 help clarify this question (see also Rom. 2:25-29)?
5. Hosea 11:10-11 describe how the second exodus is a sovereign salvation that is all of God's grace. In light of chapters 7-11, why must this salvation be of God's grace alone? How should the heart of God in 11:8-9 and the sovereignty of God in salvation in 11:10-11 encourage us when we live in a world characterized by the sins of chapters 7-10? How do these realities encourage us in our evangelism and missions?
6. As Pastor Colby mentioned toward the end of the sermon, the application that the Bible most often gives is not a set of actions to do, but a set of realities to believe. What does Hosea 7:1-11:11 want us to believe about God, Christ, and the gospel?