

Adult Impact Study Sheet – June 16, 2024

Read **Hosea 6:1-6 (include chapter 5 for context)**; if possible from several translations. For additional insight go to www.studylight.org and www.gotquestions.org.

1. In chapter 5, God has a strong rebuke against the priests, the king, and the people of Israel for their unfaithfulness to God due to their open idolatrous practices. Discuss what the prophet means in the following two passages:

Verse 4: that “their deeds do not permit them to return to God.”

Verse 6: that “When they go with their flocks and herds to seek the Lord, they will not find Him; He has withdrawn Himself from them.”

Discuss what it means to seek God.

Why will they not find God? Compare this with Deuteronomy 4:29 (Jeremiah 29:13-14); Matthew 7:7 and James 4:8. What is required in seeking and finding God?

2. What is God requiring in 5:15?

What does God mean that they were to “admit their guilt?” What is God requiring when we admit our guilt?

3. In 6:1-3, what is the prophet telling those who have sinned?

Why is God willing to forgive the repentant person? Discuss again, Deuteronomy 4:29-31.

Discuss other passages where God is faithful to forgive.

4. Read verses 4-6. How has Israel grieved God? How had they grieved God with their sacrifices?

5. Discuss what these verses tell us about what God requires.

6. The Christian Standard Bible translates the word ‘mercy’ ‘faithful love.’ What does ‘faithful love’ mean and how do we demonstrate it in practical ways?

7. Given what God is requiring of His people, what does faithful loyalty look like? Consider also what Psalm 51:16-17 and I Samuel 15:22 add to Hosea 6:6.