

## **Hosea, Joel, and Amos – Handout**

### **Hosea – Outline**

#### **I. Adulterous Wife and Faithful Husband (1:1–3:5)**

- Hosea and Gomer (1:1–11)
- God and Israel (2:1–23)
- Both Parties Reconciled (3:1–5)

#### **II. Adulterous Israel and Faithful Lord (4:1–14:9)**

- Adulterous Israel Found Guilty (4:1–6:3)
- Adulterous Israel Put Away (6:4–10:15)
- Adulterous Israel Restored to the Lord (11:1–14:9)

**Group question** – Why does God take sin so personally? When you sin, do you typically perceive yourself as personally attacking God? How would growing in your understanding of the personal nature of sin affect your desire to fight sin?

### **Joel – Outline**

#### **I. Day of the Lord Experienced: Historical (1:1–20)**

- Source of the Message (1:1)
- Command to Contemplate the Devastation (1:2–4)
- Completeness of the Devastation (1:5–12)
- Call to Repent in Light of the Devastation (1:13–20)

#### **II. Day of the Lord Illustrated: Transitional (2:1–17)**

- Alarm Sounds (2:1)
- Army Invades (2:2–11)
- Admonition to Repent (2:12–17)

#### **III. Day of the Lord Described: Eschatological (2:18–3:21)**

- Introduction (2:18–20)
- Material Restoration (2:21–27)
- Spiritual Restoration (2:28–32)
- National Restoration (3:1–21)

**Group question** – How can leaders and the members of a local church more effectively encourage one another to live in light of the Lord's coming judgment?

## **Amos – Outline**

### **I. Judgments Against the Nations (1:1–2:16)**

- Introduction (1:1, 2)
- Against Israel's Enemies (1:3–2:3)
- Against Judah (2:4, 5)
- Against Israel (2:6–16)

### **II. Condemnations Against Israel (3:1–6:14)**

- Sin of Irresponsibility (3:1–15)
- Sin of Idolatry (4:1–13)
- Sin of Moral/Ethical Decay (5:1–6:14)

### **III. Visions of Judgment and Restoration (7:1–9:15)**

- The Lord Will Spare (7:1–6)
  - Vision of locusts (7:1–3)
  - Vision of fire (7:4–6)
- The Lord Will No Longer Spare (7:7–9:10)
  - Vision of the plumb line (7:7–9)
  - Historical interlude (7:10–17)
  - Vision of the fruit basket (8:1–14)
  - Vision of the altar (9:1–10)
- The Lord Will Restore (9:11–15)

**Group question** – Do most non-Christians believe they will be judged by God? Will they? Do most evangelical churches regularly teach that God will bring judgment? Should they? Why or why not?