



## Hearing the Cry of God Hosea 8-11

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### **Hosea 8:2-3, 7**

Israel cries out to me,  
‘Our God, we know you!’  
But Israel has rejected what is good;  
an enemy will pursue him.

They sow the wind  
and reap the whirlwind.

### **Hosea 9:14-15**

Give them, Lord-  
What will you give them?  
Give them wombs that miscarry  
and breasts that are dry.  
Because of all their wickedness in Gilgal,  
there I began to hate them.  
Because of their sinful deeds,  
I will drive them out of my house.  
I will no longer love them.

### **Hosea 11:1-11**

## **Discussion Questions**

Do you have any (funny) love/hate relationships in your life?  
Why do you think the relationship drives you from one extreme to the other?

How do you understand the verse “They sow the wind and reap the whirlwind”?

How did Israel do this?

Is it possible for us to do the same thing?

Why does God talk about hating Israel and about loving them no longer?

Why do you think God’s response was so forceful?

Reading through chapter 11, what are your first thoughts?

Does it surprise you to see God speaking in this back and forth way about His people?

What does reading about the emotional agony of God tell you?

What does this tell us about the love of God?

What does it teach us about how we relate to God?

How does it affect how we look at Jesus Christ?