



Returning Home to God Hosea 12-14

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Discussion Questions

Did you ever have a hard time going home?
Why?

Hosea 13:2

Now they sin more and more;
they make idols for themselves from their
silver,
cleverly fashioned images,
all of them the work of skilled hands.
It is said of them,
“They offer human sacrifices!
They kiss calf-idols!”

Hosea 13:6

When I fed them, they were satisfied;
when they became satisfied, they became
proud;
then they forgot me.

Hosea 14:1-9 (*verses 1-2 are shown*)

“Return, Israel, to the LORD your God.
Your sins have been your downfall!
Take words with you and return to the LORD.
Say to Him:
‘Forgive all our sins and receive us
graciously,
That we may offer the fruit of our lips.’”

Is it surprising that after all the warnings God has been giving
Israel that they continue to sin?
Why or why not?

What appears to be at the root of the sinfulness of Israel?
Is that still a problem in the world today?
...in the church today?

After reading chapter 14, is this how you expected the story to
end?
How does it end for Israel?

What does God’s call to return mean to you?
How do you understand ‘take words with you and return to the
Lord’?
What does it tell you about the mercy of God
How does this fit into the Gospel of Jesus?