

THUS SAITH THE LORD

Our Compassionate Father

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Ice Breaker

Do you have a story from your life when the Lord or another person chose to give you compassion over condemnation? How did that affect you?

UNDERSTAND THEIR STORY (Studying the context)

Unlike the cities referenced in Verse 8 (Gen. 10:19), Israel is God's chosen people. How does God express His feelings toward Israel throughout verses 8-9?

What is rebellion to the Lord? What are some of the rebellious actions the people of Israel were exhibiting as described in Hosea?

CONNECT TO HIS STORY (Connecting to the Gospel)

How does Matthew 2:10-15 connect to Hosea 11:1?

Look at Hosea 11:3-4. Who initiated healing and restoration? What does this show us about God's heart? Read Romans 2:4 What is the purpose of God's kindness in our rebellion?

APPLY TO OUR STORY (Living the truth out)

Read Psalm 103:13. What makes seeing God's compassion and mercy difficult? How is His judgment a good thing?

Where in your life do you struggle to see God's compassion?

Accountability

Is there an area of rebellion in your life?

Parenting Moment

Our kids can cause our hearts to break with their rebellion. How can you show compassion and kindness, knowing that it is what leads to repentance?