

HOSEA WEEK FOUR STUDY QUESTIONS

Embodying the Word

1. Think of a time you had to wear a uniform (for sport, work, school, etc). Why were you required to wear it? What is the purpose of a shared uniform? (Uniform means 'one mould')
2. We don't tend to think this way all the time, but as you go about your life, what do you represent?
3. In the Old and New Testaments, God entrusts his reputation on earth to human representatives. Why do you think God has chosen to make himself known (and visible) to the world in this way?
4. As a Christian, your speech and actions are on on public display as an enacted parable for all the world to see. Do you find this encouraging or challenging?
5. Hosea 2 contains strong language against Israel and for Israel. Why do you think it sounds so emotionally raw? What stands out to you most in this poem (Hos 2.1-15)
6. Read Colossians 1.24-27. Paul says he became a servant of the church 'to make the word of God fully known'. Does it excite you that God has chosen to make himself known through 'Christ in you'? Can you share a time when Jesus made himself known through you?
7. Pray for one another, that you would shine like stars in your different life contexts (Phil 2.15).