

A HARD ROAD

Faithfulness in all areas of life *from the book of Hosea*

Week 8

Key Scripture

Hosea 12:13-14

Open

1. What kind of God did you grow up imagining - the God of love or the God who is angry and ready to punish people for their sin?
2. Was it confusing to hear that anger is not a sin? What are some examples of righteous anger?
3. John talked about how we have a culture that winks at sin. Where have you seen our culture accepting of things we know are wrong?

Dig

1. Read James 1:14-15. What does sin lead to? What does that mean?
2. Read Hosea 12:13-14. Without using the word 'anger', try to put in your own words how God feels about sin's influence on everything He created.
3. What do you see more of - Christians who are angry at sinners or Christians who wink at sin and become hypocrites? Which is worse?

Take Further

1. Are there people you find yourself angry with in life because of their sinful influence in our lives or the lives of the people we love?
2. How do we as humans separate out being angry at sin from being angry at sinners?
3. Are there certain influences in our culture (music, movies or magazines) that we need to stop winking at or dabbling with and be more serious about sin? What are they?

Prayer

Pray for strength to either stop being judgmental or hypocritical.