

Home Group Study Questions

Message: **“Understanding How God Feels”** 25th October, 2015



Getting Started:

1. Do you think God “feels” things the way we do? Or have we simply projected onto him the way we respond to situations?
2. If he does feel things the way we do, how do you think he copes with all he sees going on?



Into the Bible:

Read Exodus 20:1-6

3. How does God feel about us giving what rightfully belongs to him alone to some other “god”?
4. He uses the term “jealous” of himself. How do we understand a term we usually see as negative, applied to God in this way?

Read Matthew 4:8-10

5. How did Jesus feel about worship?

Read Hosea 1:1-2:1

6. God gave Hosea a terrible assignment! Why would he do this?

7. “...and she conceived and bore him a son.” (vs. 3) Jezreel is obviously Hosea’s son. What about Lo-Ruhamah and Lo-Ammi? Do you think they were his?
8. Discuss the names God told Hosea to give to his/Gomer’s children and their significance.
9. Verse 10 marks a real change of tone in our story. How do these verses offer hope to Israel, and to Hosea?



Digging Deeper:

10. How did God feel about Israel’s “adultery” - her worship of the Canaanites’ gods and participation in their heathen practices?
11. In what ways are we in danger of allowing the “other gods” of those we live amongst to infiltrate and contaminate our devotion to God?
12. How may this be a problem
 - a. in your life?
 - b. for the church?
13. How can we guard against it?