The Last Word Hosea 13-14

Learn this lesson: not to trust Christ because you repent, but trust Christ to make you repent; not to come to Christ because you have a broken heart, but to come to Him that He may give you a broken heart; not to come to Him because you are fit to come, but to come to Him because you are unfit to come.

-Charles Spurgeon

I. The Path of Rebellion

II. The Promise of Restoration

Small Group Study Questions

Into the Bible

1. In Hosea 13:4-8 God again reminds His people that He is the same God that brought them out of Egypt. Think of all the specific things that God gave to the Hebrews during the Exodus and compare them with what He is now taking away from them in judgment.

2. In chapter 14, verse 2 Israel is told to take their "words" with them when they ultimately seek to return to the Lord. They are not told to bring the proper sacrifices. What makes words so important in repentance? (Matthew 12:34, I John 1:9, Psalm 19:14)

Application

3. Wisdom and discernment are important characteristics if our lives are to please God. Hosea closes the entire book in 14:9 with advice on how to obtain them. What do this passage and the rest of scripture tell us about gaining wisdom and discernment? (James 1:5-6, Deuteronomy 10:12-13, Proverbs 2:6, 1 Corinthians 1:26-30)

For Families

4. Talk with your children about the importance of confession and repentance.