

Questions from the Sermon

June 13, 2021

1. Growing up, did you or one of your siblings usually get in the most trouble?

-Did you behave differently in public than at home, knowing your parents would likely respond differently because you were in public?

2. If you were to talk to someone at your work or school, and ask them to describe what God is like, what do you think they would say? How would they describe Him?

-Do you think if a person only had read the Old Testament, and never read the New Testament, they would have a different view of God than someone who had read it all?

-What would some of the main differences be?

READ HOSEA 11:1-4

3. When you read these verses, what picture do you get of the people of Israel?

-In what ways can you think of that God did for Israel what He says here He did for them? What are some examples you can think of?

4. God says the people of Israel 'sacrificed to the Baals and burned offerings to idols'

-What are some Baal's or Idols that people do this to today?

-Why was God so angry about this action by His people?

READ...HOSEA 11:5-7

5. Why do you think God felt He needed to discipline the Israelite people?

-Was it fair do you think to have them back in bondage & slavery?

-Why do you think God brought this particular discipline on His people?

6. When you read verse 7, how does it make you feel to hear God say this?

-What does this mean for us today?

READ...HOSEA 11:8-11

7. Do you think it sounds like God changes His mind here? Why or why not?

-Would it bother you to think God could change His mind?

-How would this effect your view of God if it's true?

8. C.S. Lewis pictured God as a Lion for his story, "The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe". In Revelation 5:5 we read of Jesus as the Lion of Judah...

-How does this picture of Jesus help us to understand Him better?

-Is there another animal that you think would be a good picture of Jesus?

-What aspect of the Lion do you find difficult to associate with Jesus?

-What do you think of that phrase... 'He's not safe, but He is good'? Does this encourage you, concern you, help you, frighten you...?