

Pursued Series Part 4 Questions

Conversation Starter

1. How do you react when you have a stain on your shirt? Do you have to change clothes? Does it matter to you? To what extremes have you gone to get rid of stains?

Digging Deeper

1. Read Hosea 7:8-10. Pollution. The people of Israel were polluted and didn't even know it.
 - a. How have your thoughts about the world changed in the last 10 years?
 - b. What made you change? (Social media, news, movies?)
 - c. Have your beliefs in God or his power changed without you noticing?
2. Read Hosea 8:4-14. The people were making idols of the political power.
 - a. Why is this so easy?
 - b. What hope does political power offer us?
3. Read Ephesians 6:12.
 - a. How are the struggles in politics and the world today a reflection of the spiritual battle and attacks from demonic powers happening around us? (Ex: the goal of the devil is hate and lies, there is no forgiveness, there is only chaos)
4. Read Hosea 10:1-8. The Israelites were living in prosperity.
 - a. How can prosperity hurt our walk with God? Does this reflect 1st Timothy 6:6-10?
5. Read Colossians 3:1-4. Pollution, political pride and prosperity are all PERPETUAL DISTRACTIONS. When our minds are distracted, they are not on Jesus.
 - a. What is your biggest distraction that takes your mind off of things above?
6. Read Hosea 11:1-6. God says he was there to teach his people how to walk but they didn't want to return.
 - a. Are there times when you don't want to return to God or give up the distractions of the world?

Gender Breakout

1. Read Joshua 24:15.
 - a. What is it other than God that you couldn't bear to give up?
 - b. How does this thing comfort you in a way that distracts from God?
 - c. Is God's grace enough?