

# WEEK 8

Hosea 4:11-19

## Observations and Discussion

vs 11-13

How does an addiction (enslaved heart) develop?

What is the spirit of harlotry?

What is the root desire behind harlotry and adultery against God?

vs 14-16

Who did God blame for the sexual sin of Israel?

What is the warning given to Judah?

What is the consequence of stubbornness?

vs 17-19

Who is Ephraim?

Why is Ephraim being addressed here?

What does Ephraim Love?

### Personal Reflection

What are some things you have allowed your heart to be enslaved to?

How do you begin to free your heart from those things?

Rephrase verse 16, putting yourself in the place of Israel and using your own analogies and metaphors:

*Example: Pastor Josh is as stubborn and obnoxious as a hippo in a rice patty; the Lord will let him continue on his own, like a mouse that has wandered into a viper den.*

**Extra Credit:** Which leader of Israel came from the tribe of Ephraim?