

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

IN THE MOVIES

Part 1, Exploring Character: King David, a Villain and a Warrior

Pastor Ricky Page – August 05, 2012



ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. For all Rock Church events, please visit <http://www.sdrock.com/events/>.
2. Let your friends know that they can always live stream the Rock Church Sunday worship experience by visiting <http://www.sdrock.com/live/>.
3. If you know somebody that is interested in stepping up to lead a Community Group please have them go to <http://www.sdrock.com/communitygroups/lead/> to fill out an application to get started today! Our next New Leader Orientation is August 26th from 2-4 in room 232, please contact john.darrow@sdrock.com for more information.

MEMORY VERSE

“And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’” (Luke 22:19 ESV)

DISCUSSION STARTERS

(Use one or more of the following opening discussion starters)

1. When you read the Bible (specifically the Old Testament) are you identifying the different characters in the story? If so, what is a common theme you are picking up on when you read about the different characters?
2. Why do you suppose the Bible is so concerned with telling stories to explain his character and attributes?



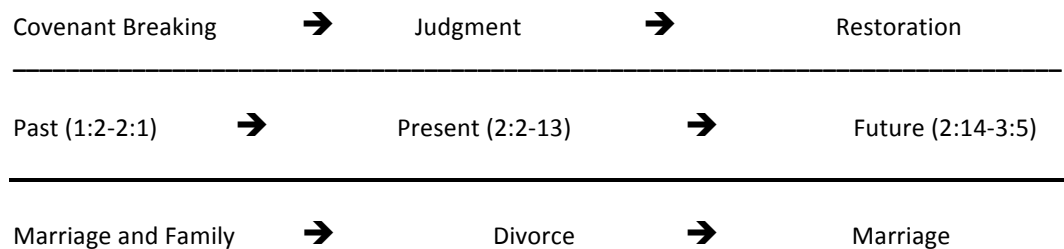
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Sermon Review and Introduction

This week we will examine the use of characters in God’s story of redemption. We will use Hosea 1 as our text of study this week. As you read and study this chapter we challenge you to not only identify the characters but also identify the purpose the characters serve in the grand redemptive plan of God as a whole.

1. Examine the context of Hosea 1 together as a group. A few key things to consider before approaching this lesson:
 - Major characters consist of:
 - Hosea – God’s Prophet
 - Gomer – Prostitute, God commands Homer to marry her.
 - Jezreel – Hosea’s firstborn son who will be killed by Jehu.
 - Lo-ruhama (No Mercy) – Hosea’s second born, daughter, as a sign that God will cut off Israel.
 - Lo-ammi (Not My People) – Hosea’s third born, son, as a sign that Israel to be joined with Judah.
 - There is debate as to whether or not Gomer was a literal prostitute. Whether or not she really was is irrelevant, but what matters most is that she was a symbol of the state of Israel. They were chasing after others gods and idols, which violates God’s law and needs to be punished.
 - The children mentioned are also a sign of the judgment to come. The whole book of Hosea could be read as this:

GOD IN COVENANT WITH ISRAEL



HOSEA IN COVENANT WITH GOMER

- Read Hosea 1 together as a group.
2. Have the group explain what the grand theme is based on their reading of this chapter. What are the main points being proclaimed by the prophecy?

Application

1. Which character in Hosea can you resonate with? Does this character represent an area of life you are in now, or used to be? Explain.
2. Why is idolatry so important to God? What does it mean to be idolatrous?
Note: Read Col. 3:5-6, and consider what Paul states about the attributes of idolatry.
3. It appears in most Bible stories there is a “protagonist” and an “antagonist” much like movies, novels, etc. What do these stories say about the overall plan of God? How does it encourage you?

