

❖ Homework Lessons ❖

Questions are provided for you to work on at home in preparation for your small group time and the large group lecture. Each lesson is divided into four days so that you can work on them during the week (minus the day you attend Insights). Spreading out the homework and doing one section at a time, will make it easier as well as more productive since you will be giving God's words time to sink in and become more meaningful to you.

Although the homework is optional, by answering these questions you will become familiar with the passage of scripture being studied and have personal "insights" to contribute to your small group discussion.

Most of the questions in the main body of the homework ask you to observe things about the passage you are reading. They ask "who, what, when, where, how and why" about the text in order to help you better understand what the passage is saying.

Optional Digging Deeper questions (in the boxes on the right) explore additional information about the passage being studied or about related topics.

"Applying the Word" questions in the gray boxes are for you to think about and/or discuss in your group. These questions encourage you to apply the truths you have learned to your life.

❖ Internet Sites ❖

Bibles and Classic commentaries - <http://www.biblegateway.com/>
http://preceptaustin.org/tool_commentary.htm
<http://bible.am1500wlqv.com/>

Strong's Concordance - <http://www.elijah.com/lexicon.html>

Bible Dictionary, Concordance and Commentaries - <http://www.gotobible.com>

For more Bible study helps go to <http://www.insightbiblestudy.org>

❖ Scripture Sheets ❖

Hosea has been typed out with wide margins and spaces for marking key words, making lists and taking notes.

Key words are given throughout the homework. You may like to mark these words with different colors or designs on the scripture sheets in the back of your notebook. (Different forms of the key word as well as synonyms should be marked the same way.)

You may like to try other markings such as:

- Contrasting words such as “but”, “however”
- Terms of conclusion: “for”, “therefore”, “so”, “so that”, “for this reason” (Ask yourself: “What is the ‘therefore’ there for?”)

Another exercise that may be helpful is to make a **list** of things connected to key words that you mark.

For example: after marking the word “knowledge” in Hosea 4, you could list in the margin:

1. *no acknowledgment of God in the land (4:1)*
2. *people are destroyed for lack of knowledge (4:6)*
3. *people have rejected knowledge (4:6)*
4. *people without understanding come to ruin (4:14)*

Occasionally a **cross-reference** (“Cf.”) is suggested. A good way to cross-reference is to mark the reference to the corresponding verse in the margin of your scripture sheets or in your Bible.

**For further information about this method of study see How to Study Your Bible by Kay Arthur, Harvest House Publishers*