

CONNECT STUDY GUIDE

THE VALLEY OF ACHOR

- **Jeremiah 2:1-8, 2:33-37, 32:36-44**

What do these passages about God and Israel tell us about the heart of God for his people?

- **Hosea 2:1-23**

The Bible tells us in Joshua 7 that when Israel defeated Jericho, a man called Achan took some of the things which were devoted to God and kept them for himself. Israel then sent men to conquer the people of Ai, who were small in number - but the people of Ai defeated them, instead, and it was revealed that this was because of Achan's sin. Achan was stoned to death in the Valley of Achor, and 'the Lord turned from his burning anger' (Joshua 7:26).

- 'Achor' means 'trouble' - so the Valley of Achor is the Valley of Trouble. Leigh Goodwin shared on Sunday that we sometimes have to go through the Valley of Trouble in order to achieve and be all that God has in mind for us.

(1) Why?

(2) What attitudes and practices will help us face and get through the Valley of Trouble?