



Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: A Relationship in Distress

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Outline: Hosea 1:2-2:1 | A Relationship in Distress

- ❖ ***Hosea's Marriage Reflects God's Relationship to His People (1:1-9)***
 - God has bound Himself to an unfaithful people (vv. 1-3).
 - We see the consequences of unfaithfulness in the children of this marriage (vv. 4-9).
 - **Question:** When was the last time we considered the relational effects of our sin on the God who loves us? What would change in our relationship with God if we recognized his heart and affection for us, and his desire for us to draw near?
- ❖ ***God will restore the broken relationship with His people (1:10-2:1)***
 - God's promises remain true even in the wake of disaster (1:10-2:1).
 - In the face of severe judgment, God's heart moves toward a restored people (1:10-2:1).
 - **Question:** How can you testify today to God's faithfulness to restore you? Where do you sense God moving your heart to repentance and restoration today?
- ❖ **Bottom Line: God's heart is for His people to return to Him.**

Questions for reflection or discussion:

Hosea 1:2-3

- How does Hosea's marriage to Gomer illustrate God's commitment to His people? What is challenging or confusing to you about God commanding Hosea to marry Gomer?

Hosea 1:4-9

- What do the names Jezreel, Lo-Ruhamah, and Lo-Ammi teach us about the consequences of unfaithfulness to God? How does the symbolism found in these names help us understand God's heart towards sin? When have you considered how sin does not only just harm you, but that it also grieve's God's heart?

Hosea 1:10-2:1

- What does it say about God that He both disciplines us but also promises restoration?
 - Where in your life do you need to lean into and trust God's discipline? Do you tend to view His discipline as anger against you, or as something He is doing in love? Why?
 - Where in your life do you need to believe that God can redeem what has been broken? Who in your life can you ask to encourage you by reminding you of God's promises?
- How does Hosea's prophecy point forward to Jesus and the new covenant? What gives you assurance that you are one of God's people? Where in your walk with Christ do you need to submit and freshly embrace Him?