

TEXT: Hosea
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Serving as a group with the Connect Team** – leaders to share which week your group will serve.
 - **Redeemer 101** – November 4, 4pm at FCS.
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LEADING OFF...

1. What are some quirks about you that make you less lovable?
2. What does the Bible tell us about our sinful nature?

BIG IDEA: JESUS LOVES THE UNLOVABLE

Read Hosea 1:1-3

3. What do we know about Hosea?
4. What seems strange about what God calls Hosea to do in verse 2?
5. What do we know about Gomer and what can we assume?
6. How was it actually kindness from God that He called Hosea to marry a prostitute?
7. Why does God tell Hosea to name his children names of judgment?
8. What does this speak to you?

Read Hosea 2:5; 7-8

9. Why does Gomer return to her former life of prostitution?
10. How do we act like Gomer, by returning over and over again to the same sin?
11. Why is it bad advice to “follow your heart”?
12. In verse 8, what do we learn about Hosea?

Read Hosea 3:1-3

13. What does God call Hosea to do?
14. What do we know about how this went down?
15. In verse 2, what can we assume about the price Hosea paid to buy Gomer back?
16. Re-read verse 3. What does this teach us about love?
17. What does this story teach us about the love of Jesus? How is this the story of the gospel?
18. How are we like Gomer?
19. How ought this to affect the way we see ourselves, and look at others?

Read Hosea 11:3-4, 8-9

20. What do these verses teach us about the love and grace of God to all people?
21. What is the difference between common grace and saving grace?

Read Hosea 13:14

22. The Bible describes refers to sin as slavery and even treason. Here we are told God “ransoms” us from sin. What does this mean and how does this apply to our lives?

WRAPPING UP...

Read Mark 10:45

23. Meditate on this verse. How does Hosea point us to Jesus, the true and better Hosea?