Small Group Questions 8/16.15 Dale Oquist Speaking

GETTING TO KNOW YOU:

1. What is the craziest, strangest, or most awkward thing you've ever done? Why did you do it?

RECAP:

On Sunday, we continued our series on the Prophets (next week is the last) called AGENDA.

Sometimes God wants us to do something that doesn't fit into what we feel we know about God. God does strange things sometimes that we cannot put into categories; like Abraham being puzzled that God would want him to sacrifice his son Isaac after he had waited many decades for Isaac to be born.

The story of Hosea – is one of those crazy – "I can't believe God told him to do that" – type stories. Dale talked about this story in a very unique way. And, instead of *reading* about the story, Dale *showed* us the story of Hosea.

2. Have you ever felt God impress on you to do something that seemed crazy?

DIGGING DEEPER:

verses: Hosea (read 1:1-3, 3:1-5, 14:1-3, 9)

God asked Hosea to marry Gomer even though God knew she would be unfaithful to him. According to chapter 3, it appears Gomer actually left Hosea and became a prostitute.

- 3. Would you be willing to enter a relationship with someone you knew was going to be unfaithful? Explain.
- 4. What are some situations you (or others) face today in which obedience to God is difficult or even seems crazy? What motivates you to obey even when it does seem difficult or crazy?

TAKING IT HOME:

5. Can you imagine how Gomer felt when her husband bought her back from prostitution? How do you feel when God takes you back after you have sinned?

We cannot "out-sin" God's love. Hosea's love for Gomer is not only a picture of God's love for Israel, but also of Jesus' love for the Church. Even when we are unfaithful, He remains faithful.

6. Share how this truth will motivate and influence your relationship with God and with others this week.

Join us on Wednesday nights at 7:00p If you don't already have another class you attend on Wednesday nights, please join us at Peoples Church for our continuing series on Revelation.