

Walking in the Love of God

Hosea 1:1 | Study Guide

Getting Started

Read Hosea 1:1 aloud together.

1. Before today, what came to mind when you heard the name "Hosea"?

1. The Word of the Lord

2. As God's people drifted further from Him, the phrase "the word of the Lord" appears more often in Scripture. Why do you think God "increases the volume" when people forget Him?
3. John 1 calls Jesus "the Word" made flesh. How does that shape the way you hear "the word of the Lord" in Hosea?
4. Honestly — how astounded are you that the God of the universe speaks to you?

2. To Hosea

5. Hosea was, by all accounts, a "nobody" before God called him. Why does that detail matter?
6. Have you ever assumed God only speaks to the "important" or "qualified" people? What would it look like to let go of that assumption?

3. In the Days of ...

7. Under Jeroboam II, Israel looked prosperous on the outside while crumbling at its foundation. Where do you see that same pattern — looking fine but quietly crumbling — in your own life?
8. Is there a warning in your life right now that you've been tempted to ignore because things "seem" okay?

4. The Love Story

9. "You are really screwed up, but I cannot help but love you." How does it strike you that this is the heartbeat of Hosea, even in a book about judgment?
10. Where do you need to be reminded today that God's faithfulness is not contingent on yours?

Living It Out

11. This week, what is one step you can take to simply receive God's love rather than earn it?
12. Who is someone in your life who needs to hear that God's love pursues them even in their mess?