



Small Group Notes

Sermon: 15 May 2022



Part 2

SCRIPTURE

Hosea 2-3

OVERVIEW

Sam spoke about how chapters 2 & 3 are about two marriages: the marriage of Hosea and Gomer, which represented the marriage between God and Israel. Both are broken, yet both will be restored again.

As Hosea outlines the offenses of Gomer – committing adultery, selling herself to her lovers and worshipping idols – these represent how Israel has done the same and offended God. Consequences are required and applied, yet one of them is God promising to allure Israel back to himself, such is his covenantal commitment to his people. God remains faithful, even when Israel is not.

The marriage is not over, but it requires mending. God will allow a time of purification, where all the wrong that's taken root in Israel's heart will have opportunity to be removed, making the marriage stronger and healthier. Israel will go into exile, and after that time without their own king and their own land, God promises they will return to him and seek him once again.

QUESTIONS

1. What do these chapters tell us about what God finds offensive?
2. How does the story of God restoring these broken marriages deepen your own gratitude for God's grace towards you?
3. Do you ever doubt God's faithfulness? What can help us remember his faithfulness?
4. Have you been through a season where God has refined you, allowing a difficult season in your life to mature and develop your relationship with him?