THE GOSPEL PROJECT FOR STUDENTS

UNIT 14 | SESSION 2

AN UNFAITHFUL PEOPLE RECEIVE LOVE

Hosea 2:16-23;3:1-5; 14:1-4 16 2:10-3:5,10; 4:1,8-11

MAIN POINT:
God faithfully pursues His people even when they are unfaithful.

HIS STORY

- **If Hosea's pursuit of an unfaithful Gomer is a picture of God's pursuit of us, what does this say about His character, especially in light of our unfaithfulness?**
- **Like Gomer, what are some sins that you keep running back to in your own life?**
- **Gomer's pursuit of sin ended in slavery. In what ways have you found sin to be a trap that enslaves rather than something that frees?**
- **When you consider the price that God paid to purchase you back to Himself, how does that change your desire to be lured away by your temptations?**
- **List some ways the prophet Hosea (whose name means Savior) resembles Jesus and His work.**

Essential Doctrine

God is Love | To say that God is love is to say that God is the essence of love, or that perfect love both resides and resonates within God Himself—one God in three Persons. The imperfect love that human beings share between one another is a dim reflection, a sign that points to the perfect love that resides within God. The greatest act of love by God toward humans isn't the giving of earthly goods but the giving of Himself in Christ so that we might become reconciled to Him.

Christ Connection

Hosea's relationship with Gomer reminds us of God's relationship with the people of Israel and with us. Even though God's people are unfaithful and love many other things more than Him, God still loves us. It was because of God's love that He sent Jesus to die on the cross for our sin and bring us back to Him.

HEAD

- **What does it mean to redeem something? How is this story a picture of redemption?**
- **How does understanding the love of Hosea for Gomer increase our gratitude for God's love for us?**

HEART

- **The call for both Israel and us is repentance. What does it mean to repent?**
- **Are there any areas in your life where repentance is only partial? What would full repentance look like?**

HANDS

- **What does this account teach us when it comes to loving other people?**
- **Why is it important that we share God's message with living actions and not just words alone?**