



Sermon Discussion Guide

April 19th, 2026 | Hosea 2:14-16 | Pastor Greg Doty

Series // Hosea: Taste and See My Grace

Summary

Pastor Greg begins with the image of a car that isn't worth fixing to capture a feeling many people carry, that they've messed up too much for God to bother with them anymore. He connects this to the message of Hosea, where God speaks to a people who have wandered far from Him and are living in shame and spiritual unfaithfulness. Instead of responding with rejection, God does something unexpected: He says He will pursue, woo, and draw them back with love. This shows that God takes the initiative; He doesn't wait for us to clean ourselves up but meets us right where we are. He leads His people back into the wilderness where He first formed a relationship with them and provided for them. There, He speaks tenderly, reminding them of His faithfulness and love. Even more powerfully, God promises to transform places of past failure like turning the Valley of Achor, once associated with sin and judgment into a "door of hope." Rather than discarding what is broken, God redeems and restores it, turning shame into a testimony of His grace. The overall message is that no one is too far gone; God lovingly pursues, restores, and reclaims His people.

Discussion Questions (Read Hosea 2:14-16):

- **Icebreaker Question:** "What's one small thing that makes you feel really known or cared for by someone?"

Discussion Questions

- Have you ever experienced occasional doubt, or a deeper, ongoing fear of rejection by God?
- Where do you think this fear comes from?
- What does "wooing" suggest about God's character and intentions?
- Why is it hard for us to believe that God comes toward us in our brokenness?
- In what ways do we try to "clean ourselves up" before approaching God?
- How does this passage challenge that mindset?
- When you think about God speaking to you, what tone do you imagine?
- How does the idea of God speaking tenderly challenge or reshape that image?
- Where in your life do you feel shame or think, "this is beyond fixing"?
- What would it look like to believe that God is pursuing you there?
- How can you respond this week to God's "wooing" (prayer, honesty, surrender, etc.)?