



## Sermon Discussion Guide

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**Series // Hosea: Taste and See My Grace**

### Summary

Hosea 3 shows that sin is far deeper than simply breaking rules, it is the breaking of a relationship with God, like spiritual adultery. When we sin, we reject God and choose other things in His place, chasing after things that cannot truly love or care for us. These “false loves” may promise satisfaction, but they ultimately leave us empty and can even enslave us. The imagery of Gomer being bought for a reduced price highlights how sin does not care about us and instead enslaves us. God says that his people love “cakes of raisins” which were often found at the entrance of idol temples. This was meant to show how we settle for lesser things instead of the rich, full “banquet” of God’s love, grace, and mercy. Despite this, the passage emphasizes God’s relentless pursuit and redemption of us. Instead of waiting for us to return, God comes after us, just as Hosea goes to find and redeem Gomer, bearing her shame and restoring her. God meets us in our brokenness and refuses to leave us there, paying whatever price is necessary because we are His beloved. This points forward to a greater King who will fully redeem His people. Ultimately, Hosea 3 reminds us that while our sin is deeper than we realize, God’s grace is even greater. He rescues us, restores us, and invites us to leave behind empty substitutes and experience the fullness of life with Him.

### Discussion Questions (Read Hosea 3):

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

#### Our Sin

- How does viewing sin as “breaking a relationship” change the way you think about it?
- Why do you think the Bible uses the image of adultery to describe sin?
- What are some “raisins” in your life—things that seem appealing but don’t truly satisfy?
- Have you ever chased something expecting fulfillment, only to feel emptier afterward?

#### Our Savior

- Why is it significant that Hosea goes after Gomer instead of waiting for her to return?
- Have you ever experienced a moment where you felt God pursuing you even when you were distant?
- What does it mean to you personally that God was willing to “pay the price” for you?
- How does understanding God’s grace free you to be honest about your sin?
- What would it look like for you to fully accept God’s grace instead of trying to earn it?