



## Sermon Discussion Guide

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

### Summary

In Hosea 1, Pastor Greg explains that our relationship with God is like a marriage, specifically, a broken one that God is working to restore. Hosea prophesies to the Northern Kingdom of Israel during a time of peace and prosperity, but spiritual unfaithfulness. The people wrongly assume their success means they are right with God, while they continue in idolatry and immorality. God calls Hosea to live out this message by marrying Gomer, a woman who will be unfaithful. Hosea's marriage becomes a living picture of God's relationship with His people. Just as Gomer betrays Hosea, Israel has betrayed God. This shows that sin is not just rule-breaking, but relationship-breaking. We are meant to see ourselves not as Hosea, but as Gomer unfaithful yet loved by a faithful God. Gomer's children symbolize judgment: Jezreel (judgment for past violence), "No Mercy," and "Not My People." Yet the story does not end in judgment. God says "yet," promising restoration and renaming them "Children of the Living God." This points to God's grace and his ultimate plan to restore his people through Jesus, who takes the punishment so that we can be reconciled to God.

### Discussion Questions (Read Hosea 1):

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

### Context

- Why is prosperity sometimes spiritually dangerous?
- In what ways do people today assume they are "good with God" based on external success?
- What are some modern-day "idols" that can pull people away from God?

### Call

- Why do you think God chose to communicate His message through Hosea's life instead of just words?
- What does Hosea's obedience teach us about following God when it's difficult or confusing?
- How does this story redefine sin—not just as rule-breaking, but as relationship-breaking?

### **Children**

- What does this teach us about the seriousness of sin and its consequences?
- How does this passage point forward to Jesus?
- How does this story help you better understand God's commitment to His people?

### **Closing Reflection & Prayer**

- How have you experienced God's grace despite your own unfaithfulness?
- What would it look like to respond to God's faithful love this week?

**Thank the Lord for his faithfulness, grace, and mercy that is displayed in his patience with us his people in the midst of our unfaithfulness.**