

God's Relentless love | Hosea 1:1-3 2021 SUMMER #2

My Story Questions

These questions help the group know one another and transition to deeper discussion. Choose one.

- 1) Can you recall a special wedding you attended? What made it special? What do you most enjoy about weddings?
- 2) Can you recall a time in childhood when you failed to heed a warning or follow an instruction? What happened?

Study Questions

These are meant for personal preparation and group discussion. Use all or pick a few to discuss.

Read Hosea 1:1-3

- 1) Prosperous, Idolatrous, and politically unstable were words that described the times in which Hosea spoke for God. How is our culture similar?
- 2) What are the dangers for you specifically? Has God been sending you a warning?
- 3) What phrases show that the recorded words given in this book were given by God? What impact does that have on your attitude toward the Bible?
- 4) Why would God use such shocking language and harsh imagery in these first verses?
- 5) How is Hosea's covenant to Gomer similar to God's covenant with Abraham in Genesis 15? What blessings were promised to Abraham's descendants? Did they trust God for those blessings or did they look elsewhere?
- 6) Where did Gomer look for blessing and security? Where do you look?

Read Hosea 3,

- 7) Forgiving the betrayal of a spouse is possibly one of the hardest tests. How does it help you to know God has already forgiven to that degree?
- 8) Are there sins that you thought God would not forgive?
- 9) What happens when people confess and return to Him today? (1John 1:9) Ps 103:12)

Read Ephesians 5:22-32

- 10) How is marriage a reflection of God's covenant with us?
- 11) What did Hosea learn about God's heart by being asked to experience betrayal and forgiveness.
- 12) If Hosea had a brother do you think he would have supported him or discouraged him?
- 13) What have you learned about God's forgiveness toward you and toward others?

Responding to Jesus

These questions are meant for personal reflection before your group prayer time.

- 1) With the culture so unstable, what do you tend to trust in before turning to God?
- 2) How have you turned away from God and looked for joy and satisfaction in something else?

Further Challenge

- 1) Read Luke 15:20-25. How is this story of forgiveness similar to Hosea's story. What do you learn about God? What do you learn about yourself?