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## **Hosea Love or Obey?**

**Summary: Hosea the prophet's life and marriage to Gomer the prostitute is both moving and mysterious. There is no happily ever after. Instead we are left to consider how we treat God and if we will be a faithful covenant partner to Him.**

**Scripture – Hosea 1-3, 11:8; Genesis 1:28, 2:25; 1 Corinthians 7:5, 6:9-11; John 15:5; Jude 24; Matthew 22:37; James 1:8**

## **Community Group Discussion**

### **Introduction**

- How does Hosea's life parallel God's love for us?
- Why did God include the book of Hosea in the Bible?

### **Marriage**

- "God's love for you and I is like a marriage." What are the ingredients of a good marriage?

#### *Exclusive* (Hosea 3:3)

- "The human soul isn't built for more than one person."
- "God said, 'I have to be number one.'"

#### *Intimacy* (Genesis 1:28)

- "There is something about experiencing God's love that transforms us."

#### *Dependency* (John 15:5)

- What are the challenges/benefits of being dependent on God?

#### *Passion* (Matthew 22:37)

- "Passion is the currency of what is important." Where are you putting your treasure?

### **Kids**

- "Kids are secular and want everything now; we are just like this." Why is it important to recognize that spiritually we are an 18 month old?

### **Maturity**

- When seeking God's wisdom, what is the difference between wisdom to obey and wisdom as advice?