

# Hosea

## Big Idea

Hosea is a vivid picture of God's faithful love relationship towards His people, using (among other imagery) the story of Hosea and his adulterous wife. God's people had rebelled, and because of that there are disastrous consequences; but God's love and mercy rise above the sin of His people. Though justice is a part of God's character, ultimately His desire is to heal and save His people.

Scripture: Hosea 3:1-5; 6:6; Matthew 9:10-13; 1 John 4:9-11

## Discussion Questions

1. What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the book of Hosea?
2. When you think of Christians & Christianity do you tend to think of messy and difficult or neat and tidy? How does your impression line up (*or not*) with the picture painted in Hosea (*and throughout Scripture*)?
3. What picture do you portray of the Christian life to those around you? (*If you really want to be bold, ask a few people that you trust what they think you portray!*)
4. What can you do this week to live more fully in God's forever love for you?
5. What can you do this week to more fully share God's forever love for others?