**Life Group Study Guide: Loved what you heard on Sunday? Want to go deeper? The life group study guide will help you unpack what you heard on Sunday, while diving deeper into God's word.**

**CONNECT:**

* Have you ever restored anything or seen something restored? What was it? What was special about it?

**DIGGING DEEPER:**

*Read Hosea 2:14-3:5*

* Summarize what you read. What truths do you find about God from this passage?
* How is Hosea 2:14 a turning point in the story?
* Verses 19 and 20 use the language of a dowry or a “bride price.” This was the money that a groom’s family would need to pay to the bride’s family in order for a marriage to go ahead. What ingredients are needed in v19-20 to restore this marriage? Who can provide these things?
* What is shocking about Hosea 3:1-2?
  + What does this tell us about Hosea’s character? How do you think Hosea must have felt?
  + What does this tell us about God’s character?
* Look at what Hosea is to do for and say to Gomer. How is this a picture of God and his people?
  + Read 1 Corinthians 5:17. How do Gomer’s words and actions embody this verse?
* Read 1 Peter 1:18-19. How do Hosea’s actions point us towards Jesus’ death?

**DISCUSS:**

* How was Gomer to show that she appreciated what Hosea had done for her, and had returned to live with him as his wife? What does this tell us about our relationship with God as his redeemed people?
* What value do you put upon yourself? How might that change if you thought of yourself as God’s chosen bride, bought with a price? How will this change of attitude also change your actions and desires?
* Do any of the passages from this week’s bible reading plan connect to the study you just completed?

180-Day Guided Tour of the Bible

**Reading Plan for Week of February 18th**

**Day 91 –** Zechariah 8: Raising Sights

**Day 92 –** Nehemiah 2: A Man for All Seasons

**Day 93 –** Nehemiah 8: Mourning into Joy

**Day 94 –** Esther 3: A Race’s Survival

**Day 95 –** Malachi 2: Low Grade Disappointment

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HOSEA

**HOSEA 3: THE REDEMPTIVE LOVE OF GOD**

**Wave Church SD | FEB. 18, 2018**

**THERE IS NO PERFECT LOVE STORY,**

**BUT WITH GOD THERE IS PERFECT LOVE.**

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**THE PERFECT LOVE OF GOD RENEWS**

**Hosea 3:1 (ESV)** *1 And the Lord said to me, “Go again, love a woman who is loved by another man and is an adulteress, even as the Lord loves the children of Israel, though they turn to other gods and love cakes of raisins.”*

**THE LOVE OF GOD RECLAIMS**

**Isaiah 53:6 (ESV)** *6All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way;*

**Romans 3:23 (ESV)** *23for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*

**Hosea 3:2 (ESV)** *2So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and a homer and a lethech of barley.*

**THE LOVE OF GOD REDEEMS**

* REDEMPTION = THE PURCHASE BACK OF SOMETHING THAT HAD BEEN LOST, BY THE PAYMENT OF A RANSOM.

**1 Peter 1:18-19 (ESV)** *18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,* ***19****but with the precious blood of Christ*

**REDEMPTION GIVES US A CHOICE TO LIVE AS SLAVES OR AS CHILDREN OF GOD**

**Hosea 3:3-4 (ESV)** *3And I said to her, “You must dwell as mine for many days. You shall not play the whore, or belong to another man; so will I also be to you.” 4For the children of Israel shall dwell many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or pillar, without ephod or household gods.*

**Galatians 4:4-7(ESV)** *4**But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,* ***5****to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.* ***6****And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”* ***7****So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.*

**THE LOVE OF GOD RESTORES**

**2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)** *17**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

**Hosea 3:5 (ESV)***5Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the Lord their God, and David their king, and they shall come in fear to the Lord and to his goodness in the latter days.*

**THE LOVE OF GOD RENEWS**

**Hosea 2:16-20 (The Message)** *“At that time”—this is God’s Message still—“you’ll address me, ‘Dear husband!’ Never again will you address me, ‘My slave-master!’ I’ll get rid of all the dirty false-god names, not so much as a whisper of those names again. At the same time I’ll make a peace treaty between you and wild animals and birds and reptiles, And get rid of all weapons of war. Think of it! Safe from beasts and bullies! And then I’ll marry you for good—forever! I’ll marry you true and proper, in love and tenderness. Yes, I’ll marry you and neither leave you nor let you go. You’ll know me, God, for who I really am.*