

Opening Passage

Hosea 1:2-3

2 When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, “Go, take to yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord.”

3 So he went and took Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

Outline – 5 questions for the book of Hosea

- 1) What is going on in Hosea?

- 2) How does Hosea fit into the Bible’s story?

- 3) What does Hosea tell us about God? About us?

- 4) What can we take away from Hosea?

- 5) If you only had Hosea, how would you share the gospel with someone who doesn’t know Christ?

Questions to think about:

1) In one sentence: What is Hosea about?

2) *Brutal honesty time*: How have you been unfaithful in your relationship with God? What are the other things you run to when you need to feel comfort/fulfilled/happy?

3) How can understanding the message of Hosea help to encourage you when you fail to be faithful in the Christian life?

4) How does it make you feel to hear that you and I are Gomer in this story? How can a understanding of your role in the gospel story help you know the beauty of the gospel story?

5) If you only had Hosea, how would you share the gospel with someone who doesn't know Christ?