

FORESHADOW

Community Group Discussion Guide
Sunday, May 1, 2016

"Jesus Our Lover"
Hosea 3:1-5; 11:4-11

Introduction

In this three-part series we'll explore, from the Old Testament, three different facets that foreshadow the role of Jesus Christ as "our Lover", "our Hope" and "our Savior". The book of Hosea gives us an incredible picture of God's endless pursuit of His people not contingent on their response to Him. Please read Hosea 3:1-5 and 11:1-11 before answering the following questions.



This week's readings:
(May 2-May 8)

Mon - Hosea 6-10
Tues - Hosea 11-14
Wed - Micah
Thurs - Isaiah 1-4
Fri - Isaiah 5-8
Sat - Isaiah 9-12
Sun - Isaiah 13-17

1. Hosea 1:2 - Can you imagine this task, particularly as a prophet? What would people have said? Are there any way that you can already begin to see the "foreshadowing" of Jesus this early on in the story?
2. Explain the real life illustration that God is trying to point out here. How does it picture God's relationship with His people and the Gospel of Jesus?
3. Hosea 3:1-5. What is the significance of Hosea going after Gomer again and loving her? What does that have to do with the gospel? Think of the love shown in Luke 15:11-32.
4. What did Gomer do to deserve any of this love and pursuit? How are we like Gomer? How is God like Hosea?
5. How do you think Gomer felt when her husband bought her back from prostitution? How does it feel knowing that God takes us back after we sin? What price did Jesus pay for us?
6. Read and reflect on Romans 5:6-8 and Romans 8:1. How is the great love of God shown to us? What do we bring to the table to earn this love and grace?
7. Hosea 11:1-11 - This is a very special passage of Scripture. Note the things that are true about God and his pursuit of us.
8. What have you learned most through the book of Hosea? How have you seen "the depth and pain of our sin toward God" and "the depth and commitment of God's love toward us"?