



Guess Who? Who are you- Hosea
Sermon Discussion Questions – July 2, 2023

Scripture Passages:

Hosea 1:2 (NLT) - When the Lord first began speaking to Israel through Hosea, he said to him, “Go and marry a prostitute, so that some of her children will be conceived in prostitution. This will illustrate how Israel has acted like a prostitute by turning against the Lord and worshiping other gods.”

Hosea 3:1- Then the Lord said to me, “Go and love your wife again, even though she commits adultery with another lover. This will illustrate that the Lord still loves Israel, even though the people have turned to other gods and love to worship them.

Romans 3:23 (NLT) - For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.

Hosea 2:14 (NLT) - But then I will win her back once again. I will lead her into the desert and speak tenderly to her there.

Romans 5:8 (NLT) - But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

1 Timothy 1:16 (NLT) - But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners. Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life.

Hosea 6:1 (NLT) - Come, let us return to the Lord. He has torn us to pieces; now he will heal us. He has injured us; now he will bandage our wounds.

Hosea 6:1-3 (NLT) - In just a short time he will restore us, so that we may live in his presence. Oh, that we might know the Lord! Let us press on to know him. He will respond to us as surely as the arrival of dawn or the coming of rains in early spring.”

Hosea 14:4,5 (NLT) - The Lord says, “Then I will heal you of your faithlessness; my love will know no bounds, for my anger will be gone forever. I will be to Israel like a refreshing dew from heaven. Israel will blossom like the lily; it will send roots deep into the soil like the cedars in Lebanon.

Warm Up:

Just for fun. Toward the beginning of his message, Pastor Scott shared about his first car. What is the first car you ever owned? Or what is the most memorable car you’ve ever owned and why?

Discussion:

1. Pastor Scott starts out his message talking about the story of Hosea and Gomer and how God called Hosea to marry a prostitute. Read Hosea 1:2.
What are some of the craziest things God has ever called you to do?
2. Read Hosea 3:1. Early on Pastor Scott gives us this truth to help us understand the story of Hosea and Gomer:
HOSEA = GOD
GOMER = US
What are some of your reactions to this framework? How might this story help us understand God’s relationship with us?
3. In his message, Pastor Scott made this statement: “We are more sinful than we realize and more loved than we realize.”
How might this understanding change the way we view ourselves? How might this understanding impact the way we relate to God?
4. Read Romans 3:23. Excerpt from Pastor Scott’s message: “What Hosea teaches us is — marriage to an immoral woman—is a vivid portrait, of the devastating impact sin has toward a relationship with God.”

Have you ever thought about the impact of sin on your relationship with God? If so, what have been some of the ways you have dealt with sin in your own life? What are some ways that you have seen God's grace in your life even in the face of your sin?

5. Read Hosea 2:14, Romans 5:8, and 1 Timothy 1:16.

What do these passages teach us about God's character? What do they teach us about God's response to our sin?

6. In his message, Pastor Scott defines confession as a radical dependence on God's grace. How does this definition match up with your current understanding of confession? How might understanding grace shape the way we understand confession? What role does confession play in your relationship with Jesus today?

7. Read Hosea 6:1-3.

How is God described in this passage? As you read through these verses what stands out to you the most and why? How might the truths of these verses impact the way you relate to God?

8. Excerpt from Pastor Scott's message:

"I love the fact that our God, even if we have found ourselves wandering from him, doesn't give up on us, he doesn't write us off, he will always give us a chance to come back. As long as we can take another breath."

What are some of your reactions to this statement? How have you seen God take you back?

Next Steps:

In his message Pastor Scott talked about how God is willing to take us back. He also talked about how confession is an active way that we depend on the grace of God. With this in mind...

- Are there any areas in your life where God is leading you to confess?
- What might it look like for you to return to God?
- Is there someone in your life who needs to know of God's love and willingness to take them back? Take some time to pray for that person by name.