

## Reflection and Discussion

Sermon Series	Major Lessons from the Minor Prophets
Sermon Title	Broken Love
Bible Texts	Hosea
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Hosea spoke to Israel (the northern kingdom) shortly before they were taken captive to Assyria. God was torn between his tender love for Israel and the sins of the nation that he could no longer tolerate. How does this story turn out?

### CONNECT – Getting to know one another

Question 1: Is there a biography that you've seen or read that greatly affected you? Why?

Question 2: How would you respond when a close friend or family member betrays you?

### EQUIP – Understanding God's word

Memo from God: "Hosea, I want you to know what I'm going through right now." Read Hosea 1

Question 3: How does Hosea's marriage to Gomer parallel God's relationship with Israel?

Question 4: God used the life of an Old Testament prophet to live out certain truths before his people. Why was this a useful way to teach people in Biblical times?

Question 5: God accused Israel of adultery. How did God view His relationship with Israel? (2:2) How does God view His relationship with us? (Mark 2:19-20)

Question 6: Hosea 1:10 begins with the word "yet." Did God change his mind on the judgments he had just described?

God grieves over Israel's sin. Read Hosea 7:1-2; 11:1-2, 8-14

Question 7: What adulteries had Israel committed? (4:10-13) How might Christians be guilty of something similar?

Question 8: Israel claimed to worship God (8:2-3, 8:11-13). Why did God stay angry with them?

Question 9: Why did these sins bring God's judgment on the nation of Israel? (4:1-2; 7:1-3)

Question 10: How does the prophet describe repentance? (6:1-6) Is that still a good picture for us?

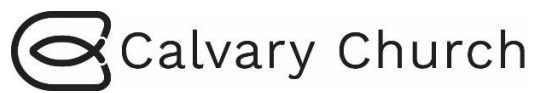
God's tender love never fails. Read Hosea 14

Question 11: How would you summarize this final chapter of Hosea?

Question 12: What does this book of the Bible reveal to us about God?

Question 13: How does God describe his tenderness towards Israel (11:1-4)? Was this relationship different from his relationship with other countries?

Question 14: In what ways was Jesus' life lived for all to see like an Old Testament prophet? What message did his life give us?



## DISCIPLESHIP – Becoming and doing

Question 15: How does this book reassure us of God's forever love even if we stray?

Question 16: In what ways can you press on to know the Lord? (6:1-3 You may need to check multiple versions to get the full flavor of the passage.)