

PREACHING CURRICULUM

Choosing to Love the Unfaithful

Hosea 1

'God's love does not let go Ps 90:4...So far God's love has been waiting for 28 centuries for His chosen people...
What if God dares us to love the way He loves?...'

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

Reread Hosea 1:1-11

How faithful and longsuffering was Hosea in prophesying the message he was given to deliver to God's people?

What do we learn about God's love for His people from the meanings of the names Hosea was to give to his children?

How does God use Hosea's pursuing love to demonstrate how He continues to pursue and love His people relentlessly?

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

What is a spiritual idol?

What might be a spiritual idol in your life?

If we consider spiritual idolatry as spiritual adultery; can we get a glimpse of what we do to God spiritually if we consider marital unfaithfulness? How should this make us feel?

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

Does God's love ever stop pursuing His people?

Is there ever a time when God will withhold the full evidence of His love to teach us something? What should we learn in these times?

What might be a reason we might feel as if God no longer loves us? What needs to change if we know that God's love is relentless?

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

When will your next truly great day be (when you feel the fullness and satisfaction of God's love)?

Will you surrender to the God who loves you and find out?