

PREACHING CURRICULUM

The Restorative Mercy of God

Hosea 2:14-23

'God grants merciful restoration, to His chosen people, and to His covenant people ...'

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)

Read Hosea 2:14-23

What do the images of wilderness and vineyards convey to the listening people of God?

What do we learn specifically from the reference to the valley of Achor?

What is the requirement of God's people (us now) in renewed commitment?

What does God communicate in the manner in which He bestows His divine favour?

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 God requiring of you for a renewed commitment?

How can His merciful restoration be a step to even deeper relationship with Him as we go through periods of rebellion, big or small?

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)

Why are conflicts so hard to resolve?

Do we act as the bride of Christ (the church, His people) should?

If at least a part of the prophetic fulfilment of these verses is for God's covenant people right now, how do we make peace with God? How do we turn from our spiritual adultery?

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)

Does your heart respond to God's call as well as your will?

As you dwell upon the astonishing love of God and His restorative mercy in your life, how will you respond?