

SERMON GUIDE

I WILL BE COMMITTED

Hosea 2:14-20 | Pastor Tim Porter

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

- Scripture that stands out to you while you read
- Observations you are making about a passage
- Applications that connect the verses to your real life and relationships
- Prayer that invites God to participate in all that you do

Conversation Questions

Getting to know me: If you're married, or have ever been in love would you mind sharing the story of how you fell in love? How did it happen?

Note about the passage:

The great theme of Hosea is God's heart of love for his wayward and unfaithful people. At this time in history, Israel has been so unfaithful to God that they are essentially separated or divorced. They have been worshipping a god named Baal. It's during this time that we get to see God's heart of steadfast love and promise of a future restoration of the relationship, even in the face of their unfaithfulness with Baal.

Read Hosea 2:14-20

- S What verses, phrases, words or feelings stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything "illuminated" or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O How does this text feel to you? What do you find interesting? What do you wonder? Is there anything about God that is surprising to you in this passage?
- O What do you love most about this passage?
- O What does God say that he's going to do for Israel in this passage? Which of these would be hardest for you to do if someone had been unfaithful to you?
- O What does this teach us about God's character? Point to some specific verses or phrases in the passage that indicate God's feelings toward his people.
- A God is reaching out to Israel from a position of strength and power. He isn't weak and needy, he is actually bending himself down in compassion and humbling himself to reach out to his unfaithful people. This is what strength and humility look like. How is God's response to Israel different from the ways we typically react when we've been hurt?
- A In verses 16 and 17, God says that he is going to remove the names of their idols from their lips. Are there any "Baals" (things that you tend to love, rely on or serve more than God) that you are giving your life to right now that you want God to remove from you?
- P Only God can really remove false gods from our lives. Talk to God about your application responses. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you and provide the direction that you need.