

10 September 2023 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group
“A Divorce and a Promise of Remarriage” -- Hosea 2:2-23

1. What sad action takes place in verses 2-13?
2. What words and phrases point to the fact that this action is being initiated (v. 2)?
3. What dire consequences would happen if the unfaithful spouse (Gomer and Israel) did not cease her infidelities (vv. 3-4)?
4. From what source did the unfaithful spouse *think* she was having her needs met and receiving good things (v. 5)?
5. What actions would the LORD God take if Israel continued to pursue her spiritual “lovers” (vv. 6-13)?
6. What does God promise Israel in verses 14-23?
7. What would be the first step the LORD would take to reclaim Israel (vv. 14-15)?
8. What tragedy in Israel’s history occurred at a place named “the Valley of Achor” (v. 15)?
9. After this action (vv. 14-15), what would the LORD then do regarding Israel (vv. 16-20)?
10. What would the LORD God make with Israel (v. 18)? To what does this point?
11. How will the LORD then bless His restored bride (vv. 21-22)?
12. What will happen to the names that Hosea’s children were given and what they mean (vv. 22-23)?
13. **How should Christians understand and view divorce?** [You may view and download the PCA’s Position Paper on “Divorce and Remarriage,” at <https://www.pcahistory.org/pca/digest/index.html>. Go to “Divorce and Remarriage” section; also <https://www.pcahistory.org/pca/studies/2-182.pdf>.]
14. **Are there any grounds for divorce? If so, what are they?** [See the *Westminster Confession of Faith*, 24.6]
15. **When should a spouse involve the Elders of the church when experiencing marital difficulties?**
16. **Is it a mark of unforgiveness if a spouse who is sinned against exercises the option to divorce when Scriptural grounds exist?**
17. **Is divorce the unpardonable sin? Why or why not?**
18. **How do the New Testament writers (Romans 9:25-26; 1 Peter 2:10) understand and apply the promise of reclamation in Hosea 2:23?**
19. **In what ways do we often view God as a “taskmaster” instead of a “husband”?**
20. **How can you prevent viewing God as your “Baal” and instead respond to Him as your loving and caring “spouse”?**