

### 3 September 2023 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group

#### “God, the Jealous Husband, Takes Action”– Hosea 1:1-2:1

1. What did God give Hosea (1:1a)?
2. Who was a king of the northern tribes of Israel when Hosea ministered (1:1b)?
3. What did God first tell Hosea to do (1:2)?
4. What was the name of Hosea’s wife (1:3)?
5. What did God tell Hosea to name his first child? What did this name mean? What was its significance (1:4-5)?
6. What did God tell Hosea to name his second child? What was its significance (1:6-7)?
7. What did God tell Hosea to name his third child? What was the significance of this name (1:8-9)?
8. After speaking judgment upon Israel, what else did God say He would do (1:8-2:1)?
9. What good thing would God do for Israel’s population (1:10a)?
10. What did God promise that Israel would be called (1:10b)?
11. What did God promise that the people of Israel would do when He made them His people again (1:11)?
12. What did God promise that Israel would receive (2:1)?
13. What spiritual lessons do you expect to learn by reading and studying the book of Hosea?
14. What does the word “jealous” mean? How can God say that He is a “jealous God” (see Exodus 20:5; 34:14; Deuteronomy 4:24)?
15. If, in fact, Gomer had been living a dissolute life before she married, how could God call Hosea to marry her?
16. “Does God command something because it is good; or, is something good because God commands it?” What “problem” is this question designed to highlight? What is the answer to the question?
17. Why is marriage difficult? How should God’s people navigate difficulties with their spouses in marriage?
18. What is the redemptive message of Hosea 1:1-2:1?

19. How can God reverse the judgment that comes upon sin and unfaithfulness?

20. Is the Church in any way pictured in Hosea's marriage? If so, how?