



---

# Hosea: SACRIFICIAL

*Hosea*

TODD DUGARD

JUNE 29, 2014

---

**God is at work in you when you present your body as a living sacrifice.**

## **Warming Up**

1. Tell the group about one of your childhood heroes. As an adult, who would you say is a Canadian hero? Why?

## **Digging In**

### **What's Hosea's deal?**

2. We heard Hosea's story; he is a prophet/teacher. In what way is he "just like me"?
3. Pastor Todd said that Hosea's life was to be a "living illustration (or parable)"; though you are not a prophet, does God expect your life to be a "living illustration"? What might your life be called to illustrate? Discuss what that should look like. Consider as an example Matthew 5:16 and 1 Peter 2:12.
4. The marriage between Hosea and Gomer was supposed to illustrate the covenant relationship between God and his people. Based on their marriage, how was that covenant relationship working? What is your life revealing about your covenant relationship with God?

### **What's God's purpose in it?**

5. Discuss the five things Pastor Todd suggested God was trying to communicate through Hosea's family:
  - a. He hates sin (2:2-5) – what descriptive words does he use?
  - b. He allows consequences of sin (2:6-7) – even though the sin is forgiven?
  - c. He will judge sin (2:8-13)
  - d. Yet, he still loves enough to save (2:14-23)
  - e. He requires a sacrifice for that to happen (Hosea 13:14) – What/who is the ransom that Hosea did not know about (Matthew 20:28)?

### **What do you need to hear?**

6. Do you identify with Gomer? Still in rebellion against God? Your way? Not saved? Or, perhaps "wandering" as discussed last week in James 5:19, 20? What is the solution (Hosea 10:12-13)?
7. Do you identify with Hosea as a Christ-follower? What are you sacrificing? "If the gospel does not cost you something then you are not doing it right." Discuss what it means to be a living sacrifice (Romans 12:1-2). How is that worship? How does this differ from Israel's practice (Hosea 6:6)?

### **What's it all mean for me?**

8. John Piper says, "Nothing displays the worth of Jesus more than our willingness to give away our lives (in small and large ways) for his sake." What does giving away your life involve? Why is it hard to sacrifice your life? How do we get better at this?

## **Breaking Out**

9. Would you share what you wrote on your card on Sunday, that which God is calling you to sacrifice? Pray for each other that the Spirit would enable each one to pay the price and complete this sacrifice.