

## **Fellowship & Application Questions**

“The Valley of Achor”

Hosea 2:6-15

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### MY STORY

1. Have you ever had a season of wandering or disobedience in your Christian life? How did the Lord draw you back?

### QUICK REVIEW

Hosea was the final prophet to the Northern Kingdom of Israel before its fall to Assyria. Israel forsook God to worship idols. So God instructed Hosea to marry a prostitute whose unfaithfulness to her husband would serve as an example of Israel’s unfaithfulness to God. Israel was called to repent and return to the Lord. The book shows the depth of God’s love for his people, a love that tolerates no rival.

### **Read Hosea 2:6-15**

Notes & Outline:

Was any point in this weekend’s message particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Hosea 2:8. Israel was using the blessings given by God to worship idols. In what ways do you see people using God-given prosperity for ungodly purposes? How might you be tempted to do the same?
2. Read Hosea 2:11. Even while engaging in Baal worship, Israel was still engaging in the holidays prescribed by Mosaic Law. How do you see such inconsistency and contradiction in our time?
3. Read Hosea 2:14. What does it mean to ‘allure’ someone? What does it reveal about God’s heart that he would allure His people back from sin? How might God go about doing this in our lives?
4. The word “achor” means trouble. In Joshua 7:10-26, the Valley of Achor was a place of judgment. In Hosea it’s a place of grace and hope. How does this speak to God’s ability to transform? Have you ever had a place of trouble turn to a place of renewal and joy?
5. What valley of difficulty are you walking through? What tender words from Scripture might the Spirit call your attention to?