

# God Loves Us Undeservedly



*Focus: on embracing the love of God even though we are wholly undeserving.*

## RESOURCES:

Here is a link to the videos used in the service:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yyWWXSwTtPP0&list=PLEPIAPmIRHshEHhvmSiPZr07o4y801xF>  
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Here is a helpful article on the first 3 chapters of Hosea:

<http://www.desiringgod.org/messages/call-me-husband-not-baal>

## Discussion:

- OPTION: watch the videos we used in the service (there are six 3 minute videos. We watched the first and last. If you have time, you could watch all six). The link is in the left hand column.
- Read Hosea 1-3 and describe the love God has for his unfaithful people. What shocks you about this story? Why is it shocking? What deficits does it expose about what we believe about the way God loves us?
- What is the significance of God choosing to wed an unfaithful woman? In what ways are we like Gomer? How does it make you feel to think about God choosing you to be his beloved?
- How do you reconcile the strong language of judgment in 1.4-8 and 2.2-13 with the loving language in 1.10, 11; 2.14-23?
- How does this story parallel the cross? Close with prayer thanking God for his amazing love!

## 2016 Annual Priority:

*To establish a greater devotion to believing and being shaped by the three great loves embedded in our mission statement's goal of becoming a mature and ministering worshiper of God; love for God, love for the church, and love of neighbor.*

