

## Session 1: The Prophet Hosea

### J. The Image of the Bride

#### Activity 1.6

Through his call and experience, Hosea was the first to use marriage as an image for the relationship between God and his people. Read the following passages to see how this image was developed by later writers:

Jeremiah 2:1-3

Ezekiel 16

Isaiah 40:1-2 (note "speak tenderly" in verse 2)

Isaiah 54:1-8

Mark 2:18-20

Ephesians 5:21-33

John 3:25-30

Revelation 21:1-4

#### Further Reading

Background reading to the study of Hosea can be found in either:

Bernhard Anderson: *The Living World of the Old Testament*, chapters 6 and 9

or:

John Drane: *Introducing the Old Testament*, chapters 1 and 5

#### Preparation

The key Bible passages for session 2 are:

Hosea 4 to 7, 11 and 14

Jeremiah 2 to 6