

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS FOR EZEKIEL

WARM UP

Think of a time when God allowed a difficult situation to happen in your life. How was the way you handled it an example to others around you, either good or bad?

What was the most impactful thing you processed from the message on Ezekiel this past week?

EXPLORATION

1. More than any other prophet, Ezekiel was directed by God to involve himself personally as an example to the people, by symbolically acting out God's warnings and prophecies about the impending judgement for their disobedience. Some of these symbolic examples included Ezekiel being tied with ropes, representing the coming siege of Jerusalem, laying on his side for a long time representing the years of Israel's rebellion against God, or digging with his hands through a dirt wall representing King Zedekiah's attempt to escape the Babylonians. Why do you think God made Ezekiel symbolically act out his warnings and prophecies rather than just say what was going to happen?
2. Read Ezekiel 37:1-14 about the Valley of Dry Bones. How does this passage give Israel hope?
3. Read Ezekiel 34:1-16. Why is God mad at Israel's leaders? Jesus called himself the "Good Shepherd". How does this imagery show the heart of God for His people?
4. Ezekiel 36:23 says, "And the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes." How does how we act impact how others see God?

APPLICATION

Think back to the opening question regarding how you have been an example (whether good or bad) through how you handled difficult situations. What practical things can we do if we face difficult circumstances this week to live out a good example to others?