

God's Vision for the Church (1 of 4)

Hello My Name Is Series

Discussion Questions

Do you like name tags? What are name tags “good for?”

In this series, “Hello, My Name Is...,” the teaching team focuses on the church's identity in order to introduce the church to people who are new to Clear Creek and to remind all of us about the unique characteristics of CCCC. The first message is about the foundational vision that God has for the church. What do you think “the man on the street” believes the church should do? What is their vision for the church?

Read Ezekiel 37: 1-10. As you do, see if you can identify the four movements in God's vision for his people?

Read Ephesians 2:1-10. As you do, listen for ways the passage is similar to Ezekiel 37:1-10.

- Why do you think God took Ezekiel to a valley of dry bones?
- How do you think the “dry bones” relate to the church? (See Ephesians 2:1-3).
- What did God command Ezekiel to do? How does God's command to Ezekiel relate to the gospel?
- What was the effect of Ezekiel preaching to the bones?
- How does that Ezekiel's preaching relate to the church? (See Romans 10:14-15)
- Why do you think the preaching to the bones was not enough? What happened when the Spirit came? How does the coming of “breath” relate to the church? (See 2 Corinthians 5:17)
- What would be your “cardboard testimony” today? (A “cardboard testimony” is writing on one side a few words that describe your life before Christ, and on the other side, write a few words of your life since you placed your faith in Jesus. The purpose is to demonstrate how he brought you from death to life.).
- How is the church “an exceedingly great army?”

Read Matthew 11:19.

- What do the religious people who criticized Jesus say about him?
- What does it look like to be the friend of sinners? What are the upsides and downsides to being a friend of sinners?
- Do you have a personal story that relates to Ezekiel 37 and being the friend of sinners?
- Describe your relationship to one of your top 5. Pray for the people on the groups Top 5.