

## **LIFE GROUP STUDY**

For Life Groups or Personal Study - For the week of Aug 2

### **WHAT DOES IT SAY?**

**Read Ezekiel 37.15-16**

What does God tell Ezekiel to do?

What do the two sticks represent?

### **WHAT DOES IT MEAN?**

**Read verse 17-23**

Why does God want Ezekiel to make one stick out of the two sticks?

Why does God want there to be "one stick" or one nation?

Where is the "Upper Story"? (i.e. how does this point to God's story of salvation?)

### **WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO YOU?**

What could God be saying to us as a nation/city/church/family?

What is your current "Lower Story", the "here and now"?

What could be the "Upper Story", what God is up to?

As you spend time in prayer, alone or with others,  
share with God your "Lower Story" –  
what is it that consumes a lot of your focus, time, and energy  
that may be preventing you from seeing the "Upper Story".

Then, ask God to reveal to you the "Upper Story",  
His Story, what He is up to.

Spend time praying for our country, our leaders, our city,  
and whatever you sense is the "Lower Story."  
Ask God to bring about the "Upper Story" – heaven on earth.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

August 2, 2020 – Bill Williamson  
Winds Of Change – Ezekiel 37

### **The Upper Story** **Ezekiel 37.15-23**

*As we continue to look at Ezekiel 37.15-23, we will see that there is always more to the story. In fact, there are two sides to every story. When we look at what is going on in our world, what is called the "Lower Story", there is always something going on in the spiritual world, the "Upper Story". The "Lower Story" is our story, the here and now. The "Upper Story" is God's story, what He is doing as He continues to accomplish His eternal plan.*

*As you listen to the Word of God, as you engage in worship, we are experiencing both stories coming together. As you pray, you are inviting the "Upper Story" into the "Lower Story" - "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."*

*As you look at your own personal story, the "Lower Story", as you see what is going on in the here and now, personally and globally, keep your heart, soul and mind focused on the "Upper Story", and pay attention to what God is up to. .*

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## **CONNECT THROUGH LIFE GROUPS**

### **THE PURPOSE OF LIFE GROUPS**

Life Groups can be short, 10-week, sermon-based groups that promote spiritual growth through building meaningful Christian relationships and the study of God's Word (Colossians 1.28).

Here's how it happens:

**SHARE:** We share what is happening in our lives.

**STUDY:** We study and discuss the questions on this sermon notes page in relation to Sunday's sermon. Our goal is to apply what we learn.

**SUPPORT:** We do this by: praying for one another, encouragement, listening, challenging one another and meeting needs.

**SERVE:** We do a service project during each quarter we meet. Our desire is to share God's love with others by meeting real needs.

**GO ONLINE to learn more about Life Groups:** find an open group or sign up for a group online: [yakimagrace.com/life](http://yakimagrace.com/life). Or, stop by the Welcome Center in the Garden Room or call the office at 248-7940