

Small Group Guide: Ezekiel 26-28



Summary:

In Ezekiel 26-28, we're reminded of God's sovereignty and perfect foreknowledge. The prophecy against Tyre demonstrates how God's word is fulfilled with astonishing accuracy, even centuries later. This serves as a testament to His omniscience and should strengthen our faith in His promises. The fall of Tyre also teaches us about the dangers of pride and the fleeting nature of worldly success. As we reflect on this, let's examine our own hearts and ensure we're not placing our trust in earthly riches or power, but in God alone. The parallel between the king of Tyre and Lucifer's fall offers profound insights into the nature of pride and its destructive power. We're challenged to cultivate humility and remember that all our gifts and blessings come from God.

Key Takeaways:

1. God's prophecies about Tyre were fulfilled with remarkable accuracy, demonstrating His omniscience and sovereignty.
2. Pride and self-exaltation led to the downfall of both Tyre and Lucifer.
3. God's judgment is always righteous and ultimately brings Him glory.
4. There is hope for Israel's future restoration and peace.

Discussion Questions:

1. What stood out to you most about the prophecies concerning Tyre? How does the historical fulfillment of these prophecies impact your faith?
2. The sermon mentions the pride of Tyre's king and compares it to Lucifer's fall. How can we guard against pride in our own lives?
3. How does the description of Lucifer's fall help us understand the nature of sin and rebellion against God?
4. The sermon touches on God's judgment being righteous and bringing Him glory. How do you reconcile God's love with His judgment?
5. What parallels do you see between the corruption of wisdom in Lucifer and Solomon's experiences in Ecclesiastes?
6. How does the prophecy about Israel's future restoration encourage you in your faith journey?
7. In what ways can we, as believers, remain hopeful while living in a world that often seems chaotic and opposed to God?

Practical Applications:

1. This week, intentionally practice humility in your daily interactions. Reflect on how this impacts your relationships and spiritual life.
2. Spend time studying a prophecy in the Bible that has been fulfilled. How does this strengthen your trust in God's Word?
3. Identify an area in your life where you might be relying on your own wisdom rather than God's. Make a plan to align this area with biblical principles.
4. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem and for God's plans for Israel to be fulfilled.

Closing Prayer

Encourage group members to continue reflecting on the sermon throughout the week and to share any insights at the next meeting.

5-day Bible reading plan and devotional guide:



Day 1: God's Sovereignty in History

Reading: Ezekiel 26:1-14

Devotional:

As we read about God's prophecy concerning Tyre, we're reminded of His sovereignty over history. Just as He foretold the precise details of Tyre's destruction, God knows the end from the beginning in our lives too. Reflect on how this truth impacts your faith. Are there areas in your life where you struggle to trust God's plan? Remember, even when circumstances seem chaotic, God is in control. Take time to surrender your worries and future to Him, knowing He sees the full picture.

Day 2: Pride Before the Fall

Reading: Ezekiel 28:1-10

Devotional:

The king of Tyre's pride led to his downfall. He saw himself as a god, forgetting he was merely human. How often do we fall into similar traps of pride in our own lives? Perhaps in our accomplishments, wisdom, or self-sufficiency? Today, practice humility by acknowledging your dependence on God. List three areas where you need God's help, and pray for His guidance. Remember, true wisdom comes from recognizing our limitations and relying on God's unlimited power and love.

Day 3: The Beauty and Danger of God-given Gifts

Reading: Ezekiel 28:11-19

Devotional:

This passage, while describing Lucifer's fall, reminds us of the double-edged nature of our gifts. Like Lucifer, we are created with beauty and abilities, but these can become sources of pride if we forget their origin. Reflect on your own talents and blessings. How can you use them to glorify God rather than yourself? Consider ways to steward your gifts in service to others, always remembering that every good gift comes from above (James 1:17).

Day 4: God's Judgment and Holiness

Reading: Ezekiel 28:20-26

Devotional:

God's judgment against Sidon demonstrates His holiness and justice. While this may seem harsh, remember that God's judgments ultimately serve to reveal His character and draw people to Himself. In what areas of your life might God be calling you to greater holiness? Take time to confess any known sin and ask for God's help in living a life that reflects His character. Thank Him for the grace and mercy He extends to us through Christ, even as He remains perfectly just.

Day 5: Hope for Restoration

Reading: Zechariah 12:10-14, Revelation 21:1-5

Devotional:

The prophecy about Israel's future restoration points us to the ultimate hope we have in Christ. Just as God promises to gather and restore Israel, He offers restoration to each of us through Jesus. Reflect on areas in your life that need God's restoring touch. Perhaps it's a relationship, a dream, or your own heart. Bring these before God in prayer, trusting in His power to make all things new. Let this hope inspire you to live with joy and purpose, knowing that God's ultimate plan ends in perfect restoration for those who trust in Him.