

HOPE FOR THE HOPELESS

EZEKIEL 37:1-14

DISCUSSION GUIDE

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CHECK IN ON ONE ANOTHER

Share about your week and pray for one another's personal prayer needs.

First, let's recap Sunday's message and read Luke 14:25-33 together.

Q1: What were the main things from the sermon that you remember from Sunday? Why do those stand out to you?

Q2: What is the difference between viewing death as a part of life and as the opposite of life? Why does it matter that Christians view death as an enemy to life?

THE CHRISTIAN VIEW OF DEATH

Conflict and death are so commonplace that we often accept it just the way that it is, but death is the opposite of life. Christianity and the gospel that it proclaims gives words to understanding death as unnatural.

When reading Ezekiel, it is important to understand the context. Ezekiel had been prophesying difficult things for the people of Jerusalem and watched it happen. The Jews were exiled from their homes and felt hopeless.

Q3: How does understanding the context of Ezekiel 37 affect our reading and understanding of these verses?

The message that God calls prophets to share usually never matches the popular opinion of the time. You can't battle the plight of a despairing human race with unimaginative hopelessness. You need an all-powerful God.

Q4: What do you think God is trying to communicate with Ezekiel through this vision?

Q5: What does it imply that this vision could be about the restoration of Israel and the resurrection of Christ?

No situation is hopeless when you hold Jesus as your ultimate hope.

Q6: Why can we have hope in Jesus? What does Jesus mean to you and your life?

Christ always has the final word in every circumstance. We can receive this hope in Christ by being filled with God's Word and God's Spirit.

Q7: There are times God calls us to speak the hope of Jesus and times where we are to listen. Where do you think that God is calling you today?

All that you have to do is be faithful to speaking and listening to the Gospel hope and leave the rest of the work to the Spirit of God who will make the dry bones rattle and call the dead to life.

CALL TO ACTION:

- 1) Pray for your non-Christian friends to come to faith in Jesus.
- 2) Pray for your unchurched/de-churched friends to join a local church.
- 3) Pray for God's Spirit to work alongside you as you share the hope of Jesus with others. Pray for God's Spirit to speak to you as you take time to listen to him.