

House Church Study Questions
Based on the SAC Sermon on July 5th, 2020

Sermon: New Life
Text: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Gathering Guidelines:

-Watch Pastor Brian's intro video for this week.

-Take some time to worship.

Play a worship song. Pray to Jesus. Be in His presence.

-Read Ezekiel 37:1-14

-Discussion Questions:

- 1. When God says He will do something it will happen.**
 - God told Ezekiel that He would bring Israel back to life.**
 - What thoughts arise in you when you think about God's abilities and desire to accomplish miraculous things for His people?**
(Excitement? Doubt? Irrelevant? . . .)

- 2. When God raises the bones and puts flesh on them He gives them life. But they are just structures and forms with no real animation. Then He tells Ezekiel to prophesy again and Holy Spirit fills them and they really come to *life!***
 - Do you think that life with Jesus can feel more like a lifeless structure than a dynamic life filled and empowered by the Holy Spirit?**

- 3. It was God that told Ezekiel to prophesy to give people the form of life, and also to fill them with His Spirit for dynamic life.**
 - If God did that for His children Israel, then it is still true for His children (you and I) today.**

-What thoughts, challenges, ideas or emotions arise in you when you think about God filling you with His Holy Spirit to move you from 'life' to 'new and dynamic life'?

4. God is sovereign and does what His will is. But He asked Ezekiel to play a role in bringing about this vision of God.
- What role did Ezekiel play? (obedience, proclaiming God's word)
 - What do you think Revelation 12:11 means for you: "They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony."
 - What role does the proclamation of God's word over your life have to do with stepping into that deeper and dynamic life in the Spirit of Jesus?

Invitation and Mission for this week

Romans 8:37 says that you are made more than a conqueror through Jesus and his love for you.

-Everyday this week declare over yourself "Jesus has made me *more than a conqueror.*"

And consider these things that speak of what being more than a conqueror actually means:

In Jesus I have conquered:

- Because He sacrificed Himself for *me*. (8:32)
- Because He has given me *everything*. (8:32)
- Any hurtful or false thing spoken against me. (8:33)
- Any sense of condemnation or self-condemnation. (8:34)
- Because Jesus is alive now and is actively praying for me. (8:34)
- Because Jesus *loves me* and *nothing* can separate me from that. (8:35)
- Nothing the world can throw at me will change the fact that Jesus loves me. (8:35)

-Pray for each other.

Go around your circle and pray for the person on your left. Pray from the content of your discussions tonight and declare God's truth/blessing over the person next to you. Everyone is invited to pray. Everyone is invited to receive prayer.