

## Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

## Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

## GOD BRINGS NEW LIFE AND UNITY

### Ezekiel 37:1-28

**Main Thought:** In Ezekiel 37 we discover that for His glory and by His Spirit and word, God delivers His people from death and division and brings us into life and unity.

1. GOD DELIVERS HIS PEOPLE FROM \_\_\_\_\_. (vv 1-14)

1) Ezekiel commanded to \_\_\_\_\_ to a valley of dry bones. (vv 1-14)

2) We also have been given \_\_\_\_\_ life by the Word and the Spirit through the works of Christ. (Rom. 10:17; Eph. 2:1-5; John 3:5-8)

3) We too have been filled with the \_\_\_\_\_ for a purpose. (Eph. 2:10; Rom. 10:14-15; Matt. 28:18-20)

2. GOD DELIVERS HIS PEOPLE FROM \_\_\_\_\_. (vv 15-28)

1) Ezekiel \_\_\_\_\_ to take two sticks and bind them together. (vv 15-28)

2) Jesus has broken down the dividing wall of \_\_\_\_\_, prays for the \_\_\_\_\_ of His followers, and is our king. (Eph. 2:14-18; Jn. 17:20-23; John 18:36-37)

## **ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS**

1. Read Ezekiel 37 and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's truth to you as you read.

2. What was the attitude of the Israelites in Babylon after many years of exile and after the destruction of Jerusalem and God's temple there? (v 11)

3. What details of verses 1-14 stand out to you?

4. What role does God's Word play in bringing spiritual life? What does that suggest to you about the way we should approach evangelism? (vv 4-6; See also Rom. 10:17)

5. What else besides exposure to the Word of God must take place for people to come to Christ? (vv 9-12; See also John 3:5-8; Titus 3:4-7)

6. Why do we sometimes doubt that all things are possible with God? Though we know the truth, why do we act as if some situations are impossible for God to change?

7. What details of verses 15-28 stand out to you?

8. Why is unity among His people important to God? (See also Eph. 2:14-18; Jn 17:20-23)

9. In what ways can we work toward greater unity among believers today? In what ways do we contribute to disunity among believers?

10. Who is the Davidic King Ezekiel prophesied about who will rule over God's people as their shepherd? (See Mark 1:15; John 18:36-37; Rev. 19:11-16)

11. When you consider dwelling with the Lord forever, what thoughts come to mind?

12. What hope and encouragement do you gain from this passage?