

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 DISPLAYS HIS GLORY AMONG THE NATIONS
Ezekiel 38-39**

Main Thought: In Ezekiel 38-39 we discover a word of encouragement to all believers of all times and all places that no matter what the forces of evil may do, God's purposes and victory stands secure.

1. ALTHOUGH THIS WORLD IS A PLACE OF TRIBULATION, GOD IS IN _____ . (38:1-16)

2. GOD WILL BE _____ . (38:17-23)

3. GOD'S VICTORY MEANS THE ULTIMATE _____ OF ALL THOSE WHO OPPOSE HIM. (39:1-21)

4. GOD'S VICTORY MEANS THE ULTIMATE _____ OF ALL THOSE WHO TRUST HIM. (39:22-29)

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read Ezekiel 38-39 and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's truth to you as you read.

2. Reviewing the Biblical content and context:

1) When is this invasion of Israel by Gog supposed to take place? Who makes up the invading force? How else would you describe this invading force?

2) What is the status of God's people in the land at this point?

3) Why does God allow this invasion to take place?

4) What happens to the invading force? What happens to God's people?

5) How do these two chapters fit into the Book of Ezekiel in this section on hope and restoration?

2. What do the following verses tell us about the potential for Christians to suffer in this world?

1) John 15:18-25, 33

2) Mark 8:34-35

3. Why does God allow His followers to suffer? (See Rom. 8:28-30; James 1:2-4)

4. How has God steered some of the troubles you've experienced for your ultimate good and His glory?

5. How would you encourage someone who is struggling because God's purpose in his or her experiences is not evident? Instead of finding the "why," what should they be seeking?

6. How has God shown Himself strong in provision when you've walked through a difficult season?

7. God used the advance of an enemy army in Ezek. 38 & 39 to increase Israel's trust in Him. What are some ways God has increased your faith?

8. Why is receiving God's Spirit a source of security for God's people? (Ezk. 39:29)

9. What comfort do you gain from Romans 8:31-39 when going through difficult times?