FROM DEATH TO LIFE

I have good news. Our God can bring dead things to life! Ezekiel 37 is a poignant display of God breathing life in to dead things. Ezekiel watched as dry bones rattled together and put on flesh and skin. Yet there was no movement, no life until God breathed it into them. Life comes from the very breath of God. The people of Israel were scattered, broken and seemingly dead. There were very few signs of life among them. How would Israel ever find life again? They had experienced God's provision and protection but had strayed from his commands. They would find no hope in their own righteousness BUT there was hope in a God with resurrection power! The hope of Israel is our hope as well. We look to Jesus who said I am the resurrection and the life. The life-giving power that raised Jesus from the dead will bring life to all who believe.

Ezekiel 31-33; John 11

Ezekiel 34-36; Psalm 86; John 12

Ezekiel 37-39; Psalm 87; John 13

Ezekiel 40-42; John 14

Ezekiel 43-45; Psalm 135; John 15

Every week, you'll see the same five content questions. Use them as a guide as you read the scriptures. Pray for consistency in your Bible reading.

1. Who are the main characters in this text and is there anyone you can relate to?
2. Is there anything from this text that we are to do (obey, believe, heed or follow)?
3. What do you learn about God in these chapters and how has that changed what you believe about Him?
4. What do these passages reveal about human nature, sin and our need for God?
5. What's the Good News found in this text?

Every week, you'll see five unique application questions. Use them to help live out what you're learning in scripture. Pray for life transformation.

1. Who do you know that is dead in their sin and needs life in Christ? Stop and pray for them now.
2. How has God brought you from death to life? What is your testimony of life in Christ?
3. What would it look like for you to follow Christ's example in John 13:1-20?
4. How does your life, your home and your church display the new commandment Jesus gave us in John 13:24? Does anything need to change?
5. When are you tempted to rely on your own righteousness before God? How does John 14:6 both challenge you and give you peace?

Our hope for eternity is not based on anything we can do. It is a gift of grace from God through faith in Christ alone. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Him (John 14:6). That is good news!