

Getting To Know You

1. Have you ever had to stand in the gap for someone? If so, what was it? What was the end result/s?
2. Would you rather, be quarantined for a week by yourself in a cabin in the mountains or a house on the beach? Explain.
3. William Barclay said, "For the Christian, heaven is where Jesus is. We do not need to speculate on what heaven will be like. It is enough to know that we will be forever with Him." Thoughts? Agree? Disagree?
4. Crystal McDowell said, "Our prayers of intercession make a difference, even though we don't always see it with our own eyes". Thoughts? Agree? Disagree?
5. Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Digging Deeper

1. Who is Ezekiel? In addition to a prophet, what was he? When did he live? What was the purpose of the book? When & where did Ezekiel prophesy? Who was his primary audience? What has begun to happen to Judah (two southern tribes)? What nation was God going using to bring judgment upon Judah? How has Ezekiel experienced this first hand? Jeremiah and Ezekiel are contemporaries, how are their experiences and situations different?
2. What do you think it would have been like for Ezekiel to prepare his whole life to be a priest, but not be able to fulfill it because God had changed His plan and purpose for Ezekiel's life? Have you ever experienced anything like this? Explain. What would have been your response if you were Ezekiel? What can we learn from Ezekiel's example?
3. What are some of the text or verses that come to mind when you think about the book of Ezekiel? What about Ezekiel 1, 33, 37, 48; 22:30, 18:32 & 33:11? Others?

How does Ezekiel start and end? What does God give Ezekiel? What are the visions of? How encouraging is it to know that despite all of the trials and difficulties God is using it for good? How is Ezekiel's visions similar to John's? What is depicted in them? As you read them, what does it do for you? How does it bring reassurance? Comfort? Clarity?

4. What does Ezekiel 18:32 & 33:11 say? Why does God bring or allow judgement? What is His purpose and intent behind it? How does God use these situations to bring about repentance and reconciliation? How can we avoid these circumstances or situations?
5. What does God say in Ezekiel 22:30? What would God say today? What would He say about our church? You? How can we be standing in the gap for our community? City? State? Nation? The world? Is this something that you do? If so, how?

6. What does Ezekiel 33 say? Who is Israel's watchman? What are his responsibilities? What does that involve? Who does God hold accountable? Explain.

How is the church called to be the watchman for lost people? Will we be held accountable if we don't warn lost people? Explain? Who are you a watchman to? Explain. What are your responsibilities?

Growing Closer

1. Who is someone you shared the gospel with this week?
2. What have you been reading in your quiet times?
3. What has God been teaching you?