

"I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord."



STEP ONE

READ Ezekiel 37:1-14.

A valley of dead and dry bones - it's much like a trash heap filled with used-up, dead, useless, broken, and discarded things.

As a group, **DISCUSS**:

What do "dry bones" represent in your own valley? What dead, broken, discarded, or forgotten things would you find? What ideals, dreams, or hurts, seem beyond hope? What have you given up for dead? Broken relationships? Forgiveness? Love? Justice? Peace? What would you like to see come to life? Do you think dead things can come to life? Why? Why not?

LOOK at Ezekiel 37:7-8.

What do you see in these verses? What's missing?

Have you ever felt like all the pieces are there but something's missing?

Like you've memorized verses, sung the songs, recited the prayer but there's no **life**?

STEP TWO

READ and **DISCUSS** Genesis 2:7, Isaiah 61:1-4, and Ezekiel 37:11-14.

What do these verses proclaim about God's word being taught, read and preached in the power of the Holy Spirit? Do you have **ancient ruins** in your own life which need to be restored or rebuilt? Are there generations of ruin in need of new life? Are there places in need of comfort? Joy?

This weekend we remembered our 11th anniversary at Jacob's Well.

We dedicated a new building and celebrated individuals who have personally experienced life-change, restoration, comfort, joy, and freedom. That's who we are at Jacob's Well - a valley of people experiencing the power of the Word and the life-giving Spirit breathing renewal into places long devastated.

As a group, **SHARE** with each other a part of your own journey in which God has brought comfort, restoration, renewal, and/or joy as His Spirit breathed life into what was **left for dead**.

CONSIDER singing (or reciting) together the words from **Amazing Grace**.

STEP THREE

Each of us has our own ruins and brokenness which need restoration and transformation. We could focus solely on our personal **graves**, but what does the Spirit of the Lord lead Ezekiel to do in verses 2-3?

God calls us to celebrate and marvel at everything He's restored and transformed in and around us. We're called to praise and thank Him for that which only He can do. He desires that we let Him restore and bring His light to areas still in darkness. Then he leads us **back and forth among the great many bones** which remain dry in the valley.

As a group, **PRAY**...

- for the Spirit to lead us into the places where people are broken
- to see the needs within our own community and beyond
- for complete dependence on the WORD and the SPIRIT, remembering that apart from Him there is no life, but with Him dead things can live!

We're asking everyone who's a part of the journey here at Jacob's Well to participate in the upcoming 40 Days in the Word experience. Together as a church body, we're opening up the WORD of God, inviting the Holy SPIRIT to lead and guide us as we seek to see Him at work in us and the world.

READ Ezekiel 37:25-27.

God's plan for life and relationship spans a greater distance and goes farther than simply **us**. It encompasses generations and nations.