

From Stress to Rest - When facing what looks Hopeless

Ezekiel 37 Discussion Questions

Open It

When have you been separated from your loved ones for an extended period of time?

What is one of the most hopeless circumstances in which you've ever found yourself?

Explore It

What strange sight was Ezekiel shown in a vision? (37:1-2)

What question did the Lord ask of Ezekiel, and how did he answer? (37:3)

What did God promise to do with the dry bones? (37:4-6)

What happened as Ezekiel began to prophesy to the bones, as God had commanded? (37:7-8)

How did the restored bodies begin to breathe again? (37:9-10)

What saying of the people had given rise to the image of "dry bones"? (37:11)

What did God explain to Ezekiel about the meaning of the vision of the valley of dry bones? (37:11-12)

What would God's people know and receive when God acted in their behalf? (37:13-14)

What visual demonstration did God tell Ezekiel to do with two sticks? (37:15-17)

What good news was contained in Ezekiel's symbolic action with two sticks? (37:18-22)

What sins would God cleanse in order to make Israel His people again? (37:23)

According to the prophecy, how was Israel's relationship to God and God's treatment of them going to change? (37:24-28)

Get It

What images come to mind about a nation of people symbolized by dry bones?

What did Ezekiel have to know about God in order to see potential in the dry bones?

What are some key features of the reign of "David" (the Messiah)?

Why is it desirable to have Jehovah God dwell (live) with us?

In what areas of your community do you see the need for reunification among individuals or groups?

Apply It

What habits can you cultivate that will make you more likely to see hopeless situations from God's perspective?

What division between people or nations can you make a matter of earnest prayer this week?