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Studies

EZEKIEL

‘Through Death to Life’

Community Group Study Guide

The book of Ezekiel is unlike anything most of us are used to reading. It’s strange, vivid, and at times confronting. You may find parts of it confusing, unsettling, or hard to make sense of on a first read—and that’s okay.

These studies are designed to help you take the next step, not to have everything figured out straight away. As you read, discuss, and reflect together, trust that God is speaking through His word—even when it feels unfamiliar.

So stick with it. Keep showing up. Keep opening the Bible. And keep coming on Sundays as we walk through this book together.

Because as we do, we’ll begin to see the deeper pattern Ezekiel reveals—how God brings life not by avoiding death, but by going through it.

And as that pattern becomes clearer, we may find it reshaping not just how we read the Bible—but how we see our own lives.

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EZEKIEL: THROUGH DEATH TO LIFE



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(Ezekiel 1–11)

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Week 1

The Glory of the Lord in Exile

Ezekiel 1:1–28

1. Have you ever experienced a moment that completely changed how you saw God or the world? What made it so impactful?

2. *Read Ezekiel 1:1–3.*

What is significant about where Ezekiel is when he sees this vision? Why might that matter?

3. *Read Ezekiel 1:4–14.*

What stands out to you about the living creatures and the imagery used? What might this communicate about God?

(You might want to consider reading: Genesis 3:24; Isaiah 6:1–3; Ezekiel 9:3)

4. *Read Ezekiel 1:15–21.*

The “wheels within wheels” move in every direction without turning. What might this suggest about God’s rule and presence?

5. *Read Ezekiel 1:22–28.*

How is God ultimately described? What is Ezekiel’s response, and why is that significant?

6. **Head (Think):**

Ezekiel sees that God is not confined to the temple, but present even in exile.

What assumptions about where or how God works might need to change for us?

7. Heart (Feel):

Ezekiel responds by falling face down before the glory of the Lord. What should this vision stir in us emotionally—about God, ourselves, and our world?

8. Hands (Do):

If God is truly present and reigning—even in the “exile” seasons of life—what is one concrete way you could live differently this week?

9. Mission:

Each week, we take a moment to consider what it is for us to live on mission and to keep the mission of Jesus’ central in our own lives. We’ll consider those we are praying for personally (via ‘2 for 2’), our efforts in local mission through our church, and our global mission partners.

Who are you praying for?

Week 2

The Living Parables of Judgement

Ezekiel 4:1–17

1. Why do you think people sometimes ignore warnings—even when the consequences are serious?

2. *Read Ezekiel 3:16–21.*

What responsibility is Ezekiel given as a watchman? What are the consequences of speaking—or not speaking?

3. *Read Ezekiel 4:1–8.*

What is Ezekiel asked to do, and what message is this acting out?

4. *Read Ezekiel 4:9–17.*

What do the food and conditions symbolise about what is coming for Jerusalem?

5. *Skim Ezekiel 5–7.*

What repeated themes or phrases stand out? What do they reveal about God's message to His people?

6. **Head (Think):**

Why is it important to understand that God warns before He judges? What wrong assumptions might we have about God here?

7. Heart (Feel):

How should we feel knowing that people can ignore God's warnings—even today?

8. Hands (Do):

Is there an area in your life where you are resisting or ignoring what God is saying? What would it look like to respond rightly this week?

9. Mission:

How did you first hear about Jesus?

Week 3

The Nightmare in the Temple

Ezekiel 8:1–18

1. What makes something feel sacred or special—and what happens when that is corrupted?

2. *Read Ezekiel 8:1–6.*

What does God show Ezekiel first in the temple? Why is it so offensive?

3. *Read Ezekiel 8:7–13.*

What is happening “in secret”? What does this reveal about the people’s hearts?

4. *Read Ezekiel 8:14–18.*

What different forms of idolatry are taking place? Why is this so serious?

5. *Skim Ezekiel 10–11.*

What happens to the glory of the Lord, and why is this significant?

6. **Head (Think):**

Why does God care so deeply about both worship and justice being corrupted?

7. Heart (Feel):

What should we feel when we see how seriously God takes sin—even among His own people?

8. Hands (Do):

Where might there be a gap between your outward worship and your inner life? What needs to change?

9. Mission:

What are some areas or topics that you would value training in as you consider sharing your faith with others? Please send in a connect card with your ideas now so that the staff team can consider your ideas!

Week 4

The Lying Prophets

Ezekiel 13:1–16

1. Why do people tend to listen to voices that tell them what they want to hear?

2. *Read Ezekiel 12:1–7.*

What sign does Ezekiel act out, and what does it mean?

3. *Read Ezekiel 12:21–28.*

What lies are the people believing about judgment?

4. *Read Ezekiel 13:1–10.*

What are the false prophets doing wrong?

5. *Read Ezekiel 13:10–16.*

What is the “flimsy wall,” and what does it represent?

6. **Head (Think):**

Why is false assurance spiritually dangerous?

7. Heart (Feel):

How should we feel about the idea that we can deceive ourselves spiritually?

8. Hands (Do):

What is one way you can make sure you are listening to truth rather than what is comfortable?

9. Mission:

What stories from your own life could you share with others that naturally point to your faith?

Week 5

The Blame Game Ends

Ezekiel 18:1–32

1. When something goes wrong, why is it so natural to blame someone else?

2. *Read Ezekiel 18:1–4.*

What proverb are the people using, and why is it misleading?

3. *Read Ezekiel 18:5–18.*

What principle is God establishing about responsibility?

4. *Read Ezekiel 18:19–24.*

How does God challenge their assumptions about fairness?

5. *Read Ezekiel 18:25–32.*

What does God ultimately desire from His people?

6. **Head (Think):**

What wrong ways of thinking about responsibility and sin does this passage correct?

7. Heart (Feel):

What does this passage show about God's desire for people to turn and live?

8. Hands (Do):

What would genuine repentance look like for you right now?

9. Mission:

What truths in God's word can give us confidence to share our faith with those around us?

Week 6

The Fall of the Sea Monster

Ezekiel 29:1–16

1. Where do people tend to place their security when life feels uncertain?

2. *Read Ezekiel 24:1–14.*

What is the pot imagery describing about Jerusalem?

3. *Read Ezekiel 29:1–6.*

How is Egypt (Pharaoh) described, and what does it claim about itself?

4. *Read Ezekiel 29:7–9.*

How has Egypt failed Israel?

5. *Read Ezekiel 29:10–16.*

What will God do to Egypt, and why?

6. **Head (Think):**

Why is trusting in worldly power or stability ultimately misplaced?

7. Heart (Feel):

How should we feel when things we rely on are shaken?

8. Hands (Do):

What is one area where you need to shift your trust back to God?

9. Mission:

Share some experiences of being welcomed really well into someone's home. What role could hospitality play in sharing our faith?

Week 7

Can These Bones Live?

Ezekiel 37:1–28

1. Have you ever felt like a situation was beyond hope? What made it feel that way?

2. *Read Ezekiel 34:1–10.*

What is wrong with Israel's shepherds?

3. *Read Ezekiel 34:11–16.*

What does God promise to do Himself?

4. *Read Ezekiel 37:1–10.*

What happens in the valley of dry bones?

5. *Read Ezekiel 37:11–28.*

What does this vision represent for Israel's future?

6. **Head (Think):**

What does this passage teach about God's power to bring life from death?

7. Heart (Feel):

How should this vision shape our hope in seemingly hopeless situations?

8. Hands (Do):

Where can you trust God for renewal or restoration this week?

9. Mission:

Is it okay for a Christian to only have close, meaningful relationships with other Christians? Where are some places we could meet people who don't know Jesus?

Week 8

When Nations Rise

Ezekiel 38:1–23

1. Why do stories about ultimate battles between good and evil resonate so deeply with people?

2. *Read Ezekiel 38:1–6.*

Who is Gog, and how is he portrayed?

3. *Read Ezekiel 38:7–13.*

What is Gog's intention?

4. *Read Ezekiel 38:14–16.*

What is God’s purpose in allowing this attack?

5. *Read Ezekiel 38:17–23.*

How does God respond, and what is the outcome?

6. **Head (Think):**

What does this passage teach about God’s control over history and evil?

7. Heart (Feel):

How should we feel knowing that God will ultimately defeat evil?

8. Hands (Do):

How can you live with confidence in God's victory in a world that still feels chaotic?

9. Mission:

What role should prayer play in evangelism? What could you practically do to pray more for those who don't know Jesus?

Week 9

The River of Life

Ezekiel 47:1–12

1. What comes to mind when you think of true renewal or a “fresh start”?

2. *Read Ezekiel 47:1–5.*

What is unusual about the river flowing from the temple?

3. *Read Ezekiel 47:6–9.*

What happens wherever the river flows?

4. *Read Ezekiel 47:10–12.*

What kind of life does the river produce?

5. How does this vision connect back to earlier parts of Ezekiel?

6. **Head (Think):**

What does this passage teach about God's ultimate plan for renewal?

7. Heart (Feel):

What should this vision stir in us about the future God is bringing?

8. Hands (Do):

What would it look like to live now as someone shaped by that coming reality?

9. Mission:

Blacktown Anglican's Discover Jesus course is running again for four weeks from mid-October to mid-November. Who are you inviting?

