

York St Small Groups

Sermon Based Studies

SUNDAY 11 October 2020

Deep Breath – Breath is life

Ezekiel 37:1-10



These studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday sermon and also to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing.



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GETTING STARTED

Q1. Can you think of a time when you were really out of breath? What was that like?

Q2. Can you think of a time when you were grateful for breath? For whatever reason the air was cleaner, the smells were better, and that breath was not just a breath but it gave you more life? Share with the group if you are in a group setting or journal it down if on your own.

INTO THE WORD

Read Ezekiel 37:1-3

Q3. Ezekiel was a prophet through whom God sends messages to his people. Often God spoke to his prophets in dreams or visions, we know these are trustworthy because they all came true, this passage is no exception. VI has Ezekiel led by the spirit in what seemed a strange place, however, Ezekiel shows his faith and fear of God in v3 where he replies “Sovereign LORD, you alone know”. Is there a time when you were led by the spirit to a situation or place that seemed strange?

Read Ezekiel 37:4-5

Q4. In an echo of Genesis 2:7, we see the ‘breath of life’ that God offers in this vision. While we know that this was a symbolic vision of the spiritual death within the nation of Israel, we all can have areas or times in our life where we are dead or dying or just dry. Spend some time thinking of areas in your life that could use an additional breath of life and energy given to them.

GOING DEEPER

Read Ezekiel 37:6-10

Q5. When God breathes life, the results are incredible, for example, Genesis 2:7 gives life to his creation, and Acts 2:2-4 sees the Holy Spirit move in and through the disciples. Without breath we die, we know that all living things need breath. The challenge this week is to take some time to think of areas in your life that need God's breath. Is it your spirit that is dry, your faith, your obedience, your actions or prayer life, or is it as simple as just being too busy to stop? Stop and breathe deep because *breath is life*.

Pray

Holy Spirit, we pray that you would breathe into us in a way that brings us life; a life that nourishes us, that feeds us, that brings us the energy to do what you called us to do. Help us to be your army as we seek to lead people to Jesus and disciple them so they are equipped to do the same. Amen