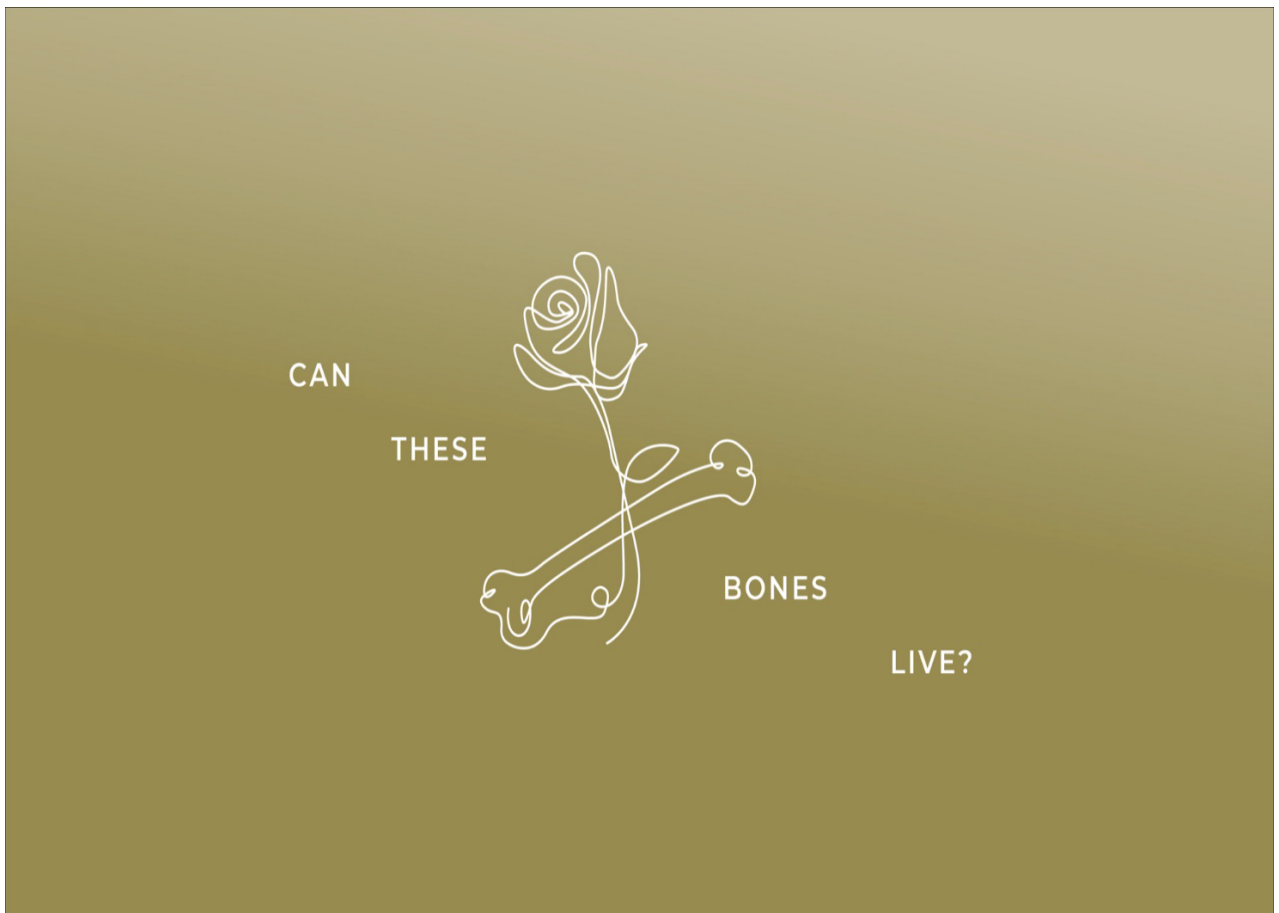


# York St Small Groups

## Sermon Based Studies

SUNDAY 8TH April 2022

**MOTHERS DAY**  
EZEKIEL 37:1-14



**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. PRAISE & PRAYER** - Share a highlight from your week, that you can PRAISE the Lord for, and share something you'd like PRAYER for that may have been a challenge. Pray for that need together.

**Q2. REFLECT** - Think back to Sunday's message (if you were there). Write down 1 thought that stuck with you since then. Share why you think this has impacted you. Or- If you'd like, use the assessment on the back page to determine How you are really doing today?

## INTO THE WORD

### **READ: EZEKIEL 37:1-14**

Ezekiel was a prophet speaking to a nation that had turned their back on God. Because of their disobedience and rebellion against Him, they had been exiled from their promised land. As the Lord prepares Ezekiel to speak to them, he shows them a vision of a valley of dry bones. The dry bones represent the state of the Israelites faith - dead and disgraced (not even properly buried). God asks Ezekiel **can these bones live**, as a question of “faith”, “Do you believe that they can live?”

**Q3:** Are there areas of your life that need resurrecting or restoring?

**Q4:** Do you believe that God can restore that part of you?

## **GOING DEEPER**

In this passage of scripture, we read that as Ezekiel prophesies (and declares life to these bones) that God does all the work in restoring and building new life.

**Q5.** Are there times that you try to resurrect yourself in your own strength? What would it take to let go and let God do the restoring?

**Q6.** How can you declare “life” to the areas that are currently suffering? What would it look like to live a life “declaring” this, even if it hasn’t happened yet?

In Verse 8 we read that God puts the body back together, but there is no breath in them. Without breath, the body isn't yet alive.

**Q7.** Why do you think there's a season 'without breath' (verse 8) as the Lord begins to restore us?

**Q8.** What do you think God is "putting into place or preparing" in us before He breathes life to that area?

When God breathes life into the dry bones, they stand up on their feet a vast army! An army signifies a body unified together, with intention and purpose.

**Q9.** Why is a community unified with intention and purpose important to our resurrection?

**Q10.** Evaluate out of 10 (1 being not good at all, and 10 being 100% in) how open you are to invite others from our spiritual community in to support you on your faith journey, as well as how willing you are to invest in someone else to support them in their journey. Share why you gave yourself this rating.

### **Pray**

As you close in prayer, find scriptures that you can declare over each other, as you allow God to do the work in bringing you back to life, invite Him in to breathe life to that area of life.

## HOW AM I DOING? ASSESSMENT & PRAYER

Items needed: Pens/ assessments

Spend a few minutes in silence and ask yourself "HOW AM I REALLY DOING?".

Look at these areas of influence and rate yourself out of 10

(1 being not so great, 10 being excellent)

\_\_\_\_ Home life

\_\_\_\_ Time management

\_\_\_\_ Family relationships

\_\_\_\_ Church ministry serving (if applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Work

\_\_\_\_ Study

\_\_\_\_ Peer relationships and/or special relationships (if applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Physical health (and/or fitness)

\_\_\_\_ Mental health

\_\_\_\_ Social connections

\_\_\_\_ Finance

\_\_\_\_ Spiritual health and growth

\_\_\_\_ Self care

\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Now spend a minute or two asking yourself why you've rated yourself this way.

If you feel able, share with the group (or one-on-one) some of your findings.

**Pick one of the areas that you'd like to see change and discuss with your group a plan you might have to help this number increase. Remember an increase of 1 will make an exponential difference to that area but can also impact other areas to lift as well.**

