July 27, 2025 Discussion Guide Scripture reading: Ezekiel 1-3

CHECK UP:

*Memory Work: Alarmed, Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the LORD, and he proclaimed a fast for all Judah. - 2 Chronicles 20:3

*How did you practice reliance on God through prayer and fasting this past week?

OPEN:

- What was a highlight in your week this past week? What was a particular challenge you had?
- Did you B.L.E.S.S. someone this past week? (Begin in prayer, Listen, Eat, Serve, Share)

READ and ASK: Ezekiel 1

- When you are confronted with "apocalyptic literature" like this, how do you typically handle it?
 - Apocalyptic literature was a style of writing that was intended to make the reader experience something (not allegorize everything). What does this vision cause us (and of course Ezekiel) to experience?
 - o Why is that valuable for us (and Ezekiel) to experience? What is the main attraction of the vision?
- What attributes of God are uplifted in this vision?

READ and ASK: Ezekiel 2:1-3:3

- This passage shows the purpose for the vision in chapter one. What was the purpose of the vision?
- Who does God send Ezekiel as a prophet to?
 - o What is the condition of their hearts?
 - o Why might Ezekiel be afraid to go to these people?
- Why is it important for messengers of God to consume God's Word before speaking it?

APPLY:

- God uses this great vision to get Ezekiel's attention. How does it get your attention?
 - o What does God have to do to get your attention?
- Ezekiel was called to be faithful to his task whether they listened or not, how does that challenge you?
 - o How do you see a challenge to fulfilling the great commission (Matthew 28:18-20) in the calling of Ezekiel?
 - o NEXT STEPS: How can this vision of the glory of God encourage you to live faithfully as a missionary for God this week?

Memory Work:

... This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. When I saw it, I fell facedown and I heard the voice of one speaking. - Ezekiel 1:28b

Next Week's Reading: Ezekiel 4-11