**Faith Foundations 2023-2024**

**The Book of Ezekiel**

**Session 2—Ezekiel 2-3**

**In last week’s lesson, we read Ezekiel’s account of his vision of the glory of the Lord. God appeared to the prophet surrounded by His heavenly host of angels, and the sight of it made Ezekiel fall to his face in fear. The chapter ended with Ezekiel’s declaration that he “heard the voice of one speaking.” In the next two chapters that we are reading in this session, we will see what exactly God had to say to Ezekiel and what He wanted him to do.**

**Read Ezekiel 2:1-7. What happened to Ezekiel when God began speaking to him? What did this do for him?**

**What was God commissioning Ezekiel to do? Why would this be a difficult task?**

**Whose words was Ezekiel commissioned to speak, his own or another’s? Why was this so important?**

**What did God warn Ezekiel would happen to him? How should Ezekiel respond to this?**

**Read Ezekiel 2:8-3:3. What did God tell Ezekiel to do? What strange act did he need to perform to symbolize his obedience?**

**What kinds of words were written on the scroll? How did it taste when Ezekiel ate it?**

**What is the significance of the contrast between the scroll’s writing and its taste?**

**Read Ezekiel 3:4-11. To whom specifically was God sending Ezekiel? How would this make Ezekiel’s job both easier and harder?**

**How does God contrast His own people with foreigners?**

**Read Ezekiel 3:12-15. What did the Spirit do to Ezekiel, and where did He take him?**

**How did Ezekiel react to this whole experience? Why?**

**Read Ezekiel 3:16-21. How does God describe Ezekiel’s job in verse 16? What is he supposed to do?**

**What would make Ezekiel guilty of the blood of those who die in their sin? What would make him innocent of their blood?**

**What is the function of the “stumbling block” that God lays before a righteous person who turns away from his faith? Does this mean that God causes someone to sin, or does it mean something else?**

**How should we Christians today apply God’s command to Ezekiel to our own lives? Are we required to do anything similar for unbelievers or erring brothers and sisters in Christ?**

**Read Ezekiel 3:22-27. What did God tell Ezekiel to do?**

**When would God allow Ezekiel to leave his house and to speak to the people? Why might He have placed these restrictions on Ezekiel?**

**Can we Christians today apply these restrictions in any way to our own witness to the world?**

**God had commissioned Ezekiel to perform a very difficult task: proclaim His Word to a people that would be hostile to it. But God told Ezekiel not to be afraid of them, because He would be with His prophet to strengthen him and give him courage for this task. With God’s help, Ezekiel would be able to do exactly what he was supposed to do.**