

Season 3 Study 2: The Watchman

THE BIG YEAR

A Journey through God's Word

***How is your Bible reading going? Is there anything you've found encouraging or hopeful?
Anything alarming or concerning?***

1. Have you ever had to deliver a hard message? Perhaps bad news, or a warning? How did you feel having to bear that responsibility?

READ EZEKIEL 3:1-3

2. Why do you think it was so important for Ezekiel to 'eat the scroll' before delivering the message to Israel?

READ EZEKIEL 3:4-13

3. Who was Ezekiel sent to (vs 4)? Who does this include? Does this surprise you?
4. What does God say about the other nations and how they would respond to Ezekiel's message (vs 6)? If this is the case, why did God not simply send Ezekiel to them instead?
5. What does it mean that God gave Ezekiel a 'hard forehead' (vs 8-9)?

READ EZEKIEL 3:14-21

6. What was Ezekiel's frame of mind after receiving this calling from the Lord? What three things are specifically mentioned, and why do you think he would be feeling that way?
7. What is the job of the 'watchman'? What is his specific responsibility, and what is NOT his responsibility?
8. Do you think God is fair in placing this responsibility on Ezekiel's shoulders?
9. Do we as God's people today, the Church, have the same weight of responsibility when it comes to bringing the Gospel to our generation? Why or why not?

READ EZEKIEL 3:22-27

10. How does God intend to keep Ezekiel quiet until its time to share the message?
11. According to vs 27, what has to happen before Ezekiel's is able to speak again?
12. Read the following Scriptures: **Luke 10:16; John 13:20; 1 Thessalonians 4:8; 2 Corinthians 2:15-17 & 5:20.** What do they teach us about the responsibility we have for speaking truth to our generation? What is our responsibility, and where does our responsibility end?

"Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me." (Ezekiel 3:17)