

Called to be God's Prophet

It can be hard, even shocking to follow God's call on our lives. Join *Groundwork* as we study the story of Ezekiel's call to ministry as a prophet of God. We'll see Ezekiel wrestle with his calling and listen as God warns of the difficulty Ezekiel will face speaking truth to an audience of people that don't want to hear his message. Together, we can learn from Ezekiel's experience and discuss what it means to be called, to be a prophet, and to speak truth in a hostile context. All while we'll also examine our own hearts by asking: Are we receptive to God's truth or rebellious like Israel?

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- What do you already know about the book of Ezekiel?
- How would you describe the role of a prophet?



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READ [Ezekiel 1-3](#)

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- How does Ezekiel's vision of God in [chapter 1:2-18](#) impact your understanding of God?
- In segment 1, hosts Scott Hoezee and Darrell Delaney discuss how Israel viewed God during Ezekiel's time, saying "Despite all of that really obvious, gross disobedience of God, Israel thought God was on their side and they couldn't be touched." Do you think Christians today similarly underestimate God's power and transcendence? Why or why not?
- Does Ezekiel's response to the work God called him to surprise you? Why or why not? Have you ever felt overwhelmed by something you thought God was calling you to do? How did you navigate those feelings?
- At the end of segment 2, Darrell says, "It really takes great humility and a walk of discipleship to receive a word and say: Maybe I need to change something." Why do you think taking this posture is often difficult for us?
- How do we tend to mark success in ministry today? Scott and Darrell observe that God made it clear to Ezekiel that the people were not going to listen to his message. Ezekiel's success was not going to be based on whether or not the people responded. God would judge Ezekiel based on his faithfulness and his obedience. How do you think our view of ministry and calling would be affected if we also used our own faithfulness and obedience as marks of success?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

[Romans 10-11](#), [Revelation 10](#), [Psalm 51:1-12](#)

CONCLUSION

At the end of the episode, Scott and Darrell stress the importance of having a humble, tender heart so that God's truth can penetrate into our lives. Reflect on your own spiritual life. Where does your pride tend to get the best of you? What would it look like for you to practice humility? Close your time of reflection in prayer, asking God to examine your heart and tune it to the working of the Holy Spirit so that you might always be prepared to recognize and receive God's truth with faithfulness, obedience, and humility. If desired, read and pray [Psalm 51:1-12](#) as your prayer.

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