



## Group Guide

# Ezekiel

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### Main Passage:

### Theological Theme

The Lord is patient, loving, and merciful. He revealed Himself to Ezekiel through a glorious vision to encourage the people God loved them and still had good plans for them.

### Introduction

- ❓ How do you respond when storms develop in your area? What is the strongest weather event you've experienced?
- ❓ How does the power and beauty in nature reveal the glory of God?

### 1. Introduction (Ezekiel 1:1-3)

Ezekiel was one of the Jewish exiles in Babylon taken into captivity because of their rebellion against the Lord. Although they had received several warnings about the consequences of their disobedience, the Israelites persisted until God finally allowed them to suffer the punishment His prophets had foretold. Ezekiel was in the group taken captive by the Babylonians.

- ❓ What can we learn about God that He continued to have prophets speak to His people from Him in many different areas?
- ❓ What do these verses indicate about the message of Ezekiel that would follow? Why is this important?
- ❓ Application: What are common ways we hear from God today? Why is it important that we do?

### 2. Vision (Ezekiel 1:4-9)

Ezekiel's vision began with him seeing "a whirlwind coming from the north" (v. 4). The Israelites often associated north with the judgment of God. Enemies had traveled from the north to overtake them and force them into exile. Hearing that the whirlwind was from the north would draw their attention to learn the rest of the vision.

- ❓ How would being in exile give the people an added level of desperation to hear from the Lord? How have difficult times tuned your ear to seek God more?
- ❓ Why might it be important for the people to be reminded of God's past faithfulness to them and their ancestors? Why is it important for us to remember God's past faithfulness?
- ❓ Application: How does this description serve to move you toward awe of God?

### 3. Glory (Ezekiel 1:10-14)

Ezekiel was specific in his descriptions and when words failed him, he would use phrases to make comparisons with more common images like “had the likeness of” or “was in appearance like” to enable the reader to form images in his or her mind.

- ❓ How do you see God's glory in these further details of Ezekiel's vision?
- ❓ How does this reality apply to those who are seeking to follow the Lord today?
- ❓ Application: Where do you feel like you've gone too far to be redeemed by God? How are you encouraged by today's study?

### Conclusion

- ❓ Where do you need to be reminded of God's glory and ongoing faithfulness?
- ❓ How can we encourage one another to remember these truths about God as a group?
- ❓ How can you seek a gospel conversation with another by sharing about God's glory?