

The Heart of Change: Ezekiel 11

Sermon Description

In Ezekiel 11, God commits to three things He's going to do to bring about change in His people: His presence, bringing them back to the promised land, and giving them a new heart.

Sermon Points:

- 1. God is warning us of the consequences of unbelief.
- 2. God changes us from the inside out

Group Opener: Have you ever gone through a renovation project (at home, work)? What was the process like: easy, hard, somewhere in between? What did you learn through it?

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Read Ezekiel 11:1-15. God charges leaders in Jerusalem (and the people) with not obeying his commands and conforming to the practices of the nations around them. Why do you think they didn't repent and ask for God's forgiveness? Why did God have to bring judgement and exile?
- 2. Read Ezekiel 11:16-21. God commits to three things he's going to do to bring about change in his people: his presence, bringing them back to the promised land, and giving them a new heart. Share a time when God's promise brought you back to Him and/or struck change in your life.
- 3. Pray God shows Himself to you in a new way this week. As a group, pray for each other to be bold in sharing your faith and ask for follow up to conversations you might have.

Memory Verse:

I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh. Then they will follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. They will be my people, and I will be their God. Ezekiel 11:19-20

