THE BEST IS YET TO COME a study of Ezekiel

The God of Restoration Ezekiel 36:16-38

God restores a broken people one heart at a time.

1. The <u>crisis</u> of <u>rebellion</u> toward God (vv. 16-23)

- 2. The <u>process</u> of <u>restoration</u> by God (w. 24-38)
 - Cleanse all your sin (vv. 24-25)
 - Change your heart (vv. 26-27)
 - Confirm your commitment (vv. 28-30)
 - Compel your witness to others (vv. 33-38)

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MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- Our world is broken and is not what it was meant to be!
 Where are some of the places people look to fix the world? Why is the world still broken?
- 2. God describes rebellion toward Him as a shrug of dismissal. How have you seen others shrug off God? In what areas of life do you need to be more responsive to God?
- 3. Read Mark 7:20-23 aloud. According to Jesus, where do the evils in our world spring from? What would our world be like if those things went away?
- 4. God restores lives through a fourfold process. Which jumps out at you? Discuss why. Which one challenges you the most?
- 5. Pray for each other: 1) For the area that jumped out; and 2) For the area that challenged most.

Memory Verse

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws."