A New Heart—Being Led Study Questions Ezekiel 3:14-27

## <u>Warm-up</u>

1) What's something you've only heard or seen once (maybe a joke, or a sign, or an illustration), but you still remember it clearly?

## A little deeper

2) [Ezekiel 3:14-21] God sent Ezekiel among the exiles in Tel Aviv and gave him a solemn task as watchman. What do you think it means to be accountable for someone's blood?
How would you feel if God gave you a task like He gave Ezekiel?

3) [Ezekiel 3:22-27] After telling Ezekiel to make sure to deliver the messages He gives for them, He sends him to be bound up and keeps him from speaking. Why do you think God told Ezekiel how important it was to speak God's message, but then kept him from speaking until he had a specific message to give?

4) [Ezekiel 2:4-5] Even if none of the Israelites listened to Ezekiel because of their rebelliousness, why was it important for Ezekiel to obey God and deliver His message?

## Bringing it home

5) The sermon this week challenged us to hear, understand, believe, and share. In what ways are you making yourself open to hear God's specific messages for you?
Are there channels of communication that you now realize are ignored or completely shut down?

6) Sometimes a message is not easily interpreted and understood—it may require some research, some thought, or conversation. In what ways have you worked to <u>understand</u> a message God has spoken into your life? Is there anything you've heard from God that you are still having difficulty understanding?

7) Share a message from God that you <u>believed</u> enough to make a change. How did it impact you or those around you? How did you hear that message and come to understand it?

8) How have you <u>shared</u> a message from God to the person it the message was meant for? How was the message received? Can you think how that the message might have been delivered in a more loving way? Or in a more memorable (or understandable, or impactful) way?