A New Heart—God's Revelation Study Questions Ezekiel 2:6-8 and other passages

Warm-up

1) Was there a piece of advice you gave or were given that turned out to be just completely off-the-mark (but that you can laugh about now)?

A little deeper

- 2) [Deuteronomy 18:18-19] Throughout the history of the Jewish people, God raised up prophets to speak to them. Who are some of the prophets that stand out to you, and what was the basic message they were given to communicate?
- 3) [Ezekiel 2:6-8] God was giving Ezekiel a hard message for Israel, so He told Ezekiel to speak that message without fearing their rebellious response. What are some different responses people have given to hearing God's message spoken to them, whether historically or in your own experience?
- 4) [1 Corinthians 2:13] After Jesus ascended into heaven, He sent the Holy Spirit to us, changing the mechanism of revelation. Do you believe our society or country has been given messages from God through people speaking prophetically? If so, what response have you seen? What happened to the messenger?

Bringing it home

- 5) Moses saw a burning bush. Samuel heard God's voice. Ezekiel had a vision. Esther saw her cousin in distress. Paul saw a blinding light. When has God captured your attention? What was His message to you, and how did you come to realize it?
- 6) Has there been a time when, upon reflection, you ignored God's message or His way of attracting your attention? If so, explain.
- 7) Has God's Spirit spoken through you to someone else? If so, how did it happen, and did you recognize it at the time? Conversely, has God's Spirit spoken to you through someone else's words?
- 8) This week's sermon challenged us to speak the spiritual truth that God puts in us, to show God to others in the way we act in the world, and to follow God no matter the cost. Is there anything about being God's ambassador to the World that makes you afraid? If so, how are you dealing with that fear? If not, where does your boldness to speak and act come from?
- 9) Is there anything you are led to do/say/seek/etc. right now?