

## PERSONAL TIME WITH GOD

### Ezekiel 18:19-20:49

March 23-29

#### Monday: Read Ezekiel 18:19-31

1. The word of the LORD in this chapter is addressed to the Jews living in exile in Babylon. As they live in exile they lament being in Babylon. What are the two main issues the God's people wrestle with? (vs. 19, 25)
2. How does the LORD answer his people's concerns?
3. Only God can truly transform people's hearts, (Ez. 11:19) but he also puts responsibility on people to play an active role in this transformation as well. What does the LORD want our part to be in following him? (See also Rom. 6:12-14; Lk. 5:32; 2 Cor. 5:17)
4. Missionary of the week: Pray for Tim & Patti Long as they train pastors at the seminary, support the planting of new churches, and teach at a special needs school in Mexico.

#### Tuesday: Read Ezekiel 19

1. This chapter is filled with political allegories. The lioness and her cubs represent the kingdom line of the tribe of Judah (See Gen. 49:9). Who was the king dragged off to Egypt? (See 2 Kings 23:34)
2. Where was Judah placing their hope? (See vs. 5) How much "hope" should we put in earthly kings?
3. The second lion, or king, is most likely Jehoiakim the king who replaced Jehoahaz. (See 2 Kings 24:4; 2 Chronicles 36:5) Jehoiakim was part of King Nebuchadnezzar's first deportation to Babylon. Israel is the vine (vs. 10). How did the vine start out?
4. Pray for people in your Oikos or in your "5 for 5".

### **Wednesday: Read Ezekiel 20:1-17**

1. How early in Israel's history did they battle the influence of idols?
2. What is the second example of Israel's rebellion against God?
3. How does God demonstrate himself as being just and gracious? How has he demonstrated himself to you in the same way?
4. Pray for people where they work and live that they would honor God in all they do.

### **Thursday: Read Ezekiel 20:18-32**

1. How does God communicate this spiritual truth: each generation is responsible for choosing the spiritual direction they go? (vs. 18-20)
2. Vs. 25-26 might seem a little shocking, but how do they parallel Romans 1:21-23, 28?
3. Why do you think God has a problem when his people want to be like everyone else? (vs. 32)
4. Pray for government leaders both locally and globally.

### **Friday: Read Ezekiel 20:33-49**

1. How does God express his desire to be first in the lives of his people? (vs. 33)
2. What kind of devotion is the LORD requiring of his people? (vs. 39)
3. How does God prove himself faithful to his promises despite Israel's unfaithfulness? (vs. 40-44)
4. Pray for family and friends.

### **Saturday and Sunday**

Review what you read in Ezekiel this week. Pray for those serving Christ faithfully and pray for the services on Sunday. Pray the prayer of 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13.