

STUDY GUIDE

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START WITH PRAYER

Use this Prayer Prompt



Heavenly Father, we are grateful for the vision in Ezekiel 47 and the transformation it represents. Forgive us for the times we come up with our own plans and simply ask You to bless them. Instead, help us to see where You are already moving and give us the courage to join You. Draw us deeper into Your river, moving us from places where we are in control to places of complete surrender. Let Your life flow into us and through us, so that we can bring life to dead places and bear fruit for Your kingdom. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

STUDY THE BIBLE

Think through and discuss your reactions as you read through Scripture:

- Ezekiel 47:1-12
- John 7:37-38
- Psalm 1:1-3
- Revelation 22:1-2

STIR UP DISCUSSION

How does this week's teaching affect me personally?

1. Pastor Ben started his teaching by contrasting a river (flowing, bringing life downstream) and a lake (standing, stationary). When you look at your own spiritual life right now, do you feel more like a flowing river or a standing lake? Why?
2. Often, we invite God to bless the plans we've already made instead of looking for what He is already doing. What is a practical way to flip that dynamic and start joining God in the story He is already writing in your community or workplace?

3. In Ezekiel 47, the river invites us deeper (ankle-deep, knee-deep, waist-deep, and finally swimming). The deeper you go, the less control you have. What area of your life are you currently trying to keep at "ankle-deep" control rather than fully surrendering to God?
4. The river in Ezekiel 47 flows directly into the Dead Sea and brings life to a completely dead place. We naturally want to avoid dead, difficult, or uncomfortable places. Where might God be calling you to carry His life into a "dead place" right now?
5. The ultimate purpose of the river's depth is the fruit and healing it produces on the banks. Is there transformation taking place in your life? How can you tell if your spiritual depth is actually producing fruit that benefits others downstream?

STEP INTO ACTION

Let's try to apply this by taking some Next Steps.

1. Wade Deeper:

Honestly assess what "depth" you are currently at in your relationship with Jesus (ankle, knee, waist, or swimming). Identify one specific area of your life (finances, relationships, time, career) where you need to let go of control this week and surrender to His current.

2. Step Into a Dead Place:

The river doesn't avoid dead places; it transforms them. This week, intentionally lean into a difficult or lifeless situation (a strained relationship, a discouraged coworker, a lonely neighbor). Pray for them daily and look for one opportunity to bring life and encouragement to them.

3. Check Your Fruit:

Take 10 minutes this week to evaluate the "fruit" of your busy schedule. Are the things filling your calendar actually producing spiritual life, or are you just running yourself ragged? Ask God to help you prune away busyness that lacks purpose.