

Go and Make Disciples

Ezekiel 37:1-14 ESV

Ephesians 2:4–5 Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

1. <u>SURVEY</u> THE SPIRITUAL SCENE.

Ezekiel 37:2 *I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry.*

Matthew 23:27–28 Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean. In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness.

2. <u>HELP DEM BONES HEAR THE GOOD NEWS.</u> Ezekiel 37:4 Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!

You are someone's best chance of hearing the Good News.

Demonstrate the Good News. Mat 5:16 Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Share the Good News... it's GOOD! 2 Timothy 1:7-8a God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord...

Invite them to where they can find hear the Good News. John 1:42a NLT Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus.

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3. MAJOR IN BIBLE, NOT SCIENCE OR SALES.

Ezekiel 37:5, 9 This is what the Sovereign Lord says...

The Gospel is simple...don't get sidetracked from the basics. John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

The Gospel is powerful...it can speak for itself. Romans 1:16a I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes...

You don't have to know it all...just say what you do know. John 9:25 He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"

4 PRAY FOR THE <u>SPIRIT TO OPEN</u> UP HEARTS.

Ezekiel 37:10 *Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.*

"The results of preaching depend not on our wishes and intentions, but on the will of God Almighty." --J.I. Packer

Acts 16:14 The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message.

5. GOD COMMISSIONS YOU TO MAKE DISCIPLES.

Matthew 28:18–20 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."