

DISCUSSION: [Ezekiel 2:1-3:3](#)

(Discuss the question cluster below - as much or as little as works for your group)

Feel free to break off into smaller groups if it helps you share more personally

We paused before starting a new series to hear from Pastor Tim Chang. We will start a new sermon series about the Life of the Church next week.

- I. This week, our passage (Ezekiel 2:1-3:3) focused on how God calls Christians to be ambassadors — to represent and speak on behalf of God. There are times when this can feel like an uphill battle where all the odds are stacked against you. The Old Testament prophet Ezekiel was called to be an ambassador, and he was called to just such an impossible task. But God did things for Ezekiel when he was faced with this uphill battle to enable him to face it: he equipped him with his words and empowered him with his Spirit. Pastor Tim said God does the same for us. Let's discuss how these things impact our lives.*
 - A. What connected with you from the sermon or from the passage?*
 - B. Is there a particular friend, family member, neighbor, coworker, etc. to whom you sense God is calling you to be an 'ambassador' of the hope of the gospel this year?*
 - 1. In what ways does that feel like an impossible task?*
 - 2. How would your perspective change on your interactions with that person if you trusted that God's Spirit was with you and able to do things you can't?*
 - C. Pastor Tim talked about how God equipped Ezekiel with the words he would need for what God called him to do and said that one of the ways God equips us is with our own stories of how he has been at work in our lives. Share a way God has been working in your life lately (or a meaningful way he worked in the past).*
 - 1. Thinking about your story and the stories of the group that were just shared, what do you think God might be giving you to share with someone in your life who doesn't know God right now?*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- New Adult Ed class: The world needs Hope. The Church needs Hope. You need Hope. NT Wright's exciting book on the resurrection and future hope — *Surprised by Hope* — is being offered in a 6-week video series about the sure hope of the resurrection. Come and be encouraged. Why not bring a friend who needs hope? This will be the last class for the spring before summer break. Class starts on May 7th. Register by April 30th for a free study guide at ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation.