



STUDY NOTES – February 17, 2019

Sermon Series: “Ezekiel: Time To Grow Up”

Pastor Kris preaches from the *English Standard Version (ESV)*.

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Ezekiel 2

How to influence a lost culture:

1. Our ability (V. 2)

Ezekiel 2:1–2 (ESV) — 1 And he said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.” 2 And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.

- Life lesson: With the Spirit’s help, *you can make a difference.*

2. Our opposition (Vs. 3-6)

Ezekiel 2:3–6 (ESV) — 3 And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. 4 The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’ 5 And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them. 6 And you, son of man, be not afraid of them, nor be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns are with you and you sit on scorpions. Be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house.

- Life lesson: Accept rejection *rather than seeking to fit in.*

3. Our goal (V. 4b)

Ezekiel 2:4 (ESV) — 4 The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’

- Life lesson: Anchor your message *in God’s truth.*

How to prepare to speak God’s truth:

1. Check your position. – Is this really ***God's truth***?
2. Check your motive. – Why do I want to speak God's truth to this person?
3. Check your attitude. – Am I ***angry or compassionate***?
4. Check you tone. – Am I planning to speak gently or harshly?

S.A.L.T. Group questions

- Have someone read Sunday's passage: Ezekiel 2:2-6
 - What truths stand out to you?
- 1. Do you ever feel like it's hopeless to try to make a difference in our culture?
 - How can you overcome these feelings?
 - How has God used someone you know to make a difference in someone's life?
 - What lessons can be learned from them?
- 2. Why is it so hard to accept rejection?
 - What are some ways that we can learn to accept rejection?
- 3. Has someone ever spoke God's truth to you in the wrong way?
 - How was it spoken in the wrong way?
 - As someone ever spoke God's truth to you in the right way?
 - How was it spoken in the right way?
 - Is there someone you need to speak God's truth to?
 - Spend time in prayer for each other to have the courage and love to speak the truth.

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