

Bible Study Guide
Ezekiel 4-5
4.28.21

1. Does love overlook disobedience? If people really love you, will they let you get away with anything, or will they call you into account?

Read Ezekiel 4

2. What was the lesson the audience was intended to learn from Ezekiel's acted out message in 4:1-3? Why would God use this method to get his message across? Why not just have Ezekiel speak the message directly?
3. What is the point of Ezekiel's second sign-act in 4:4-8?
4. Do the numbers in 4:5 and 6 (390 and 40) bring to mind any other time these numbers are mentioned in the Bible? If you add up the numbers (430) does that number occur in any other Biblical references? What do these numbers seem to be referring to?
5. What seems to be the point of the third sign-act God instructs Ezekiel to do (4:9-15)?
6. What does 4:12-14 reveal about Ezekiel's relationship to God?

Read Ezekiel 5

7. Describe what Ezekiel was told to do with his hair? (5:1-4) What does Ezekiel's action with each portion of his hair symbolize? (5:12)

8. What was Jerusalem's relationship to the nations supposed to be (5:5)? Compare Deuteronomy 4:5-8. What was Jerusalem's relationship to the nations in reality? How does this compare to what God calls Christians and the church to be in the New Testament?

9. What reasons does God give for his judgment on his people starting in 5:5-12? How does the situation in Israel at that time compare with that in our country/world/church?

10. What horrible and terrifying phrase occurs in 5:8?

11. As you look at 5:8-17, do you think that the punishment fits the crime?