



## LIFELINE Discussion Guide

Week of December 1, 2025

1. Has something difficult ever unfolded in your life—or in the life of your family or loved ones—that left you asking “Why, Lord?” If you’re willing, share your experience or story with the group.
2. Read Ezekiel 24:15-27. Have each individual in your Life Group read a verse.
3. What do you know about Ezekiel? Use your Study Bible, or Google to uncover these basic facts:
  - a. What was Ezekiel’s calling or office during the Old Testament era? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Approximately when in history did Ezekiel live and serve? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. What was the “captivity”? To which country were the people of Judah and Jerusalem taken?  
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  - d. Why would God allow His special people to be dominated, ransacked, and its citizens taken away to a pagan nation? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What was the shocking event that God told Ezekiel to prepare for in verses 15-18? How was Ezekiel instructed to respond to this event?
5. Can you imagine attending the funeral of your spouse, your father or mother, or a dear friend— and being told by the Lord that you’re not allowed to cry? Why would that be such a challenge?
6. Ezekiel told the people that something shocking was about to happen back in Jerusalem— the total collapse and “death” of one of their most valued treasures as Jewish people. What was the something about to be demolished? (see verse 21). Why did God tell them not to mourn—like He did with Ezekiel?
7. When the Jewish people in Babylon heard that their Temple had been destroyed, they responded in sorrowful silence. This stunned grief would confront them with their national sins, disobedience, and hard hearts. God had been warning them for decades, but they wouldn’t listen or repent. Hardship and personal pain don’t always mean we’re being punished. But what truth always comes shining through (see verses 24 and 27)? Is God still good, even when circumstances aren’t? (see Psalm 100:5) What eternal good did God accomplish for you through Jesus’ horrific death? (see Colossians 2:13-14)
8. Are you enduring some hardship, struggle, or personal pain at the moment? How can you trust God’s heart even when you don’t understand His ways? How might God use this suffering to draw you closer to Him? What unquenchable hope does the Christian always have in spite of challenges? (see 1 Peter 1:6-7)

**Close with a time of group prayer on this theme:**  
*When you cannot understand the “why,” rest in the “Who.”*