

CONNECT GROUP QUESTIONS FROM SUNDAY 14 JANUARY 2018

MAKE ANOTHER STEP

EZEKIEL 47:1-12

Ezekiel is prophesying to the people of God in exile, before this chapter begins Ezekiel has been prophesying the return of God's people into their land from Exile.

But he also has prophesied the return of God's glory into the temple. God's presence was going to return to the temple. 'Son of man, do you see this' – he's in the middle of it, so of course he can see it! The question is more 'does he understand what he's seeing?' and 'does he understand how God is working?'

- God's presence in his temple isn't for God's benefit and it isn't to stay in the temple. God's presence is always meant to break out.

- God's presence returns to the temple and Ezekiel 47 shows us God's presence flowing out from the temple. We looked at how the flow of God presence or Holy Spirit can impact our lives on each stage either at ankle deep, knee deep, waist deep or overflow.

1. Is the temple and its worship literal, or figurative? Discuss.
2. How do verses 7-12 help us to see that God's presence is the source of life, healing and fruitfulness?
3. How does Jesus' life and ministry fulfil this prophecy?
4. Look at 1 Corinthians 6:19. As temples of the Holy Spirit how are we called to fulfil this prophecy?
5. What would it mean for you to overflow with God's presence? What different ways might we overflow into the lives of other people?
6. Think about last week message from Andrew about encouraging faith, hope and love in each other, which tied in with what Felix suggested about reproducing spiritual children. Can we share what our thoughts are on the two questions Andrew posed?
 - Make one suggestion for how people in the group could help us grow, thrive, shine in whatever it is Father is leading us towards now.
 - Suggest one or two ways for how I can offer to help the group or other people in the group to go after Gods purposes or to support them in life.
7. Pray for people who desire to make another step into the deep waters. Remember where the river flows everything lives.