



# LG - The Holy Spirit

**Passage:** Ezekiel 37:1–14

## Aim

To help participants understand the life-giving, renewing, and empowering work of the Holy Spirit, and to invite them to reflect on how the Spirit is at work in their own lives and in the Church today.

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## 1. Opening Question:

- Can you think of a time when something in your life that felt “dry” or “hopeless” came back to life again? What helped bring that change?
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## 2. Reading the Passage

Read Ezekiel 37:1–14 aloud together.

Encourage people to use their imagination. Ezekiel's vision is full of vivid imagery - bones, breath, movement, and transformation.

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## 3. Background and Context

Ezekiel was a prophet among the exiles in Babylon. God gave him a vision of a valley full of dry bones - a picture of Israel's spiritual death and despair. The bones represented a people who had lost hope: *“Our bones are dried up, our hope is gone”* (v.11).

Yet God showed Ezekiel that through His Spirit, He could bring life where there was none.

This vision was both **a promise** (that God would restore His people) and **a picture** of what the Spirit of God does - bringing life, renewal, and hope to what seems beyond repair.

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## 4. Exploring the Passage

### A. The Spirit Gives Life (vv.1–6)

Ezekiel sees dry bones - lifeless and scattered. God asks, *"Can these bones live?"* The prophet replies, *"Sovereign Lord, you alone know."*

Then God commands him to speak His word over the bones, promising breath and life.

#### Discussion Questions:

- What does this scene tell us about the difference between human possibility and God's power?
- What areas of your life (or the Church) might feel like a "valley of dry bones"?
- Why do you think God uses both His **word** and His **Spirit** to bring life?

Help the group see that God's Spirit brings spiritual life to what is dead - just as He did in creation (Genesis 2:7) and at Pentecost (Acts 2).

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### B. The Spirit Brings Renewal (vv.7–10)

As Ezekiel prophesies, there is a rattling sound - bones come together, flesh forms, but there is still no breath until the Spirit comes. Only when the breath (the Hebrew word *ruach* - meaning spirit, wind, or breath) enters them do they stand and live.

#### Discussion Questions:

- What might the "coming together" of bones without breath represent in the Church or in our personal lives?
- How does this passage show that spiritual renewal is not just about structure or effort, but about the Holy Spirit's presence?
- In what ways have you experienced the Spirit bringing renewal or new life?

Draw out the idea that human effort and organisation can do a lot - but only the Spirit gives true life and vitality.

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### C. The Spirit Restores Hope and Purpose (vv.11–14)

God interprets the vision: Israel feels hopeless, but He will open their graves, put His Spirit in them, and bring them home. The Spirit restores purpose and

identity - a people who know they belong to God.

**Discussion Questions:**

- How does the Spirit restore hope to people who feel beyond recovery?
- What difference does it make to know that God's Spirit lives in His people today (Romans 8:11)?
- How could the Spirit bring renewal to our church community or mission?

Encourage people to share testimonies of hope or moments when God's Spirit has revived them.

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## 5. Application and Reflection

**Personal Reflection:**

- Where might God want to breathe new life in you - in your faith, relationships, or service?
- How open are you to the Spirit's work of renewal?

**Group Reflection:**

Invite the group to pray for one another - for fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit, and for His life to flow through each person and into the church.

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