

## Belonging: *"I will build my church" - Jesus*

### *Revive Us Again*

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Ezekiel 37:1-14

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**Introduction:** You belong. And we say it a lot. Because it tells us something about you. And it tells us something about us. Because you can't belong by yourself. Belonging is a thing that requires others. To whom do we belong? And with whom do we belong? And for what purpose do we belong? These are questions Jesus answers like no one else before or since. He says, "I will build my church?" What does it mean to belong to Jesus and to the church he's still building?

**Prayer:** Father, encourage us with this message from Ezekiel on revival. Amen

**Review:** Review: Think again about the unfailing love of God and the hope you have in him.

**Read:** Ezekiel 37:1-14

### **Discussion:**

1. Review briefly the history of Ezekiel (research), a priest living in the time of the exile deported from Jerusalem.
2. What is the primary theme of this message of Ezekiel? Explain. Is there encouragement in the message for our lives today?
3. How do you interpret verse 3?
4. There is nothing in all of scripture to compare with the dramatic body images in this text. What are your thoughts/reactions?
5. How does the Lord make himself known according to Ezekiel (verse 14)?

**Application:** This is message about revival (dead bones). Remember it in the face of any discouragement this week.

**Prayer:** Father God, thank you for your wonderful promise of a new future in Jesus. Amen.