WE SPEAK #3
"We speak even when no one listens"
Ezekiel 2:1-7 / October 4, 2015

Ezekiel – taken captive 597 BC, prophesied circa. 590-571 BC

Chapters 1-3   **Ezekiel called by God to speak**
Chapters 4-24   **Ezekiel speaks prophecies of coming judgment/destruction of Jerusalem**
Chapters 25-32   **Ezekiel speaks against nations that mocked God and his people**
Chapters 33-48   **Ezekiel speaks of visions of redemption through Jesus (Messiah)**

- **WHETHER THEY HEAR OR REFUSE TO HEAR (vs. 5&7)**

  - **"rebels who have rebelled" (vs. 3,5,6,7)**

  - **"have transgressed against me" (v. 3)**

  - **"impudent and stubborn" (v. 4, see also 3:7)**

- **WE SPEAK…**
  - **…because God has spoken to us (vs. 1-3, see also 1:3 and Hebrews 1:1&2)**

  - **…because God Spirit is in us (v. 2, see also Acts 1:8a)**

  - **…because God has sent us (vs. 3&4, see also Matthew 28:19ff and Acts 1:8b)**

  - **…so they will know (v. 5)**

Hearing is believing. Romans 10:14&15

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Today I learned…

As a result, I will…
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Prayers for Eastview Christian Church

- Continue to pray for God's Spirit of unity to prevail among the people of God at Eastview. Pray for God to make us one as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are one. Pray that this unity and love for one another will speak volumes to the world around us.
- Pray for the good news conversations to continue in our community as we speak of Jesus to those in our respective workplaces, schools, neighborhoods, and homes.
- Pray for our church to be fearless as we share a faith that we know many will not hear or accept.
- Pray that God will continue to open doors for us to speak the good news of Jesus' name.
- Pray for the hundreds of small groups as we grow together in this study. Pray for your small group leader today. Pray for each person in your small group by name.
- Pray for God to use Eastview to grow deeper in its faith as we learn to rely more and more on the Spirit of God that he has placed in us.
- Pray for Pastor Mike as he preaches weekly through this series. Ask God to fill him with the Spirit and for him to speak with power and conviction.