



Hill Cliffe Study Guide
Dry Bones & New Life
Pentecost Sunday 19 May 2024

1. What impacted you most from Jonathan's Sermon on Sunday?
2. The Christian life is intended to be a Spirit-filled and vibrant adventure of faith, but it can sometimes feel a bit 'Premier Inn'. Do you relate to Jonathan's analogy?

Please read Ezekiel 37.1-14, God's word to His desolate people in exile

The people of Israel were showing symptoms of spiritual hunger (dryness and emptiness) resulting from distance in their relationship from God.

3. Have you seen symptoms of this kind of spiritual hunger (apathy, shifted priorities, disordered love, living off spiritual morsels) in your life in the past or in the present?
4. What caused it?

This passage speaks about a 'resurrection' for the people of Israel. The way back to a spiritually satisfying renewed experience of life with God would involve lament (Psalm 44.23-26), repentance (turning back to God's way and away from their own bankrupt way), and a hungering after God (driving them towards God in his word, worship, fellowship, and prayer).

5. Do you have a desire for renewal in your heart at this time – what are the signs of this?
6. What will you do about it?
7. What's your experience of following the above pattern of spiritual renewal (lament – repentance – hungering after God) in your own life?
8. Take time to respond to God privately, and to thank God together for God's renewal.