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Advent Bible Study Week 2: Ezekiel Seeding Change

This is the second of 4 Bible studies for Advent, tied loosely in to SPEAK's Seeding Change campaign for justice in the global food system, designed to get you thinking on your own or discussing with a group. It's not a test, there's no 'correct' answers!

Ask the Holy Spirit to inspire you as you read.

Have a look through **Ezekiel 36**

What strikes you as you read this passage?

Food for thought:

What factors led to the loss of the land?

What does the passage show about the connection between personal and collective sin and repentance and their consequences?

How is sin causing loss of land today?

Why is God promising restoration?

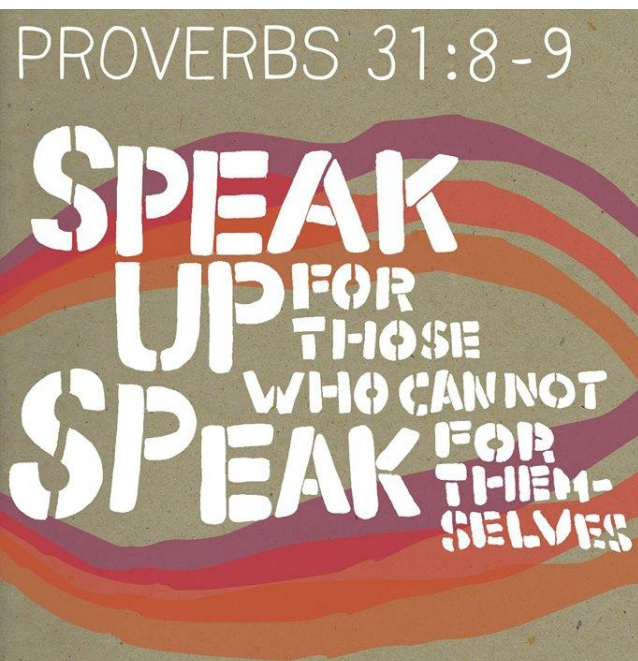
How much of this has come about, how much are we still waiting to see?

Does God's restoration reach beyond us?

How does God use the land to demonstrate grace to, and inspire repentance in, us today?

In what way were Ezekiel and the people waiting for Jesus? What difference has He made in this context?

How will you respond to what you've learnt?



Notes:

- Israel has been in exile due to sin – including idolatry and economic injustice
- Sin has led to loss of their land
- God is promising to return their land and make it fruitful, ending starvation
- Landlessness meant shame
- This is an act of undeserved grace, for God's glory, with God's forgiveness promised to inspire repentance and lead to a restoration of Eden

Want more?

Take a look at Luke 4:16-21 and Colossians 1:15-20

