Series: A New Heart**:** The Book of Ezekiel
Message: Ezekiel 36:22–37:14 | New Heart, New Spirit

Sermon Big Idea	Helpful Resources
When God makes His people new, our lives will finally tell the truth about Him.	The Bible Project Guide: Ezekiel

Head: Grasping the Text

Goal: To grasp the theological concepts and historical context of the text.

1. Read Ezekiel 36:20–23. What problem did the exile create for God's name among the nations? Why does God say twice that He is acting "not because you deserve it" (vv. 22, 32)?

2. Read 36:25–27 and count how many times God says "I will." What is the difference between a heart of stone and a heart of flesh? What does God's Spirit do in verse 27?

3. In 37:8 the bodies are fully formed but "they still had no breath in them." The Hebrew word *ruach* means breath, wind and Spirit. Compare 36:27 with 37:14. How does the dry bones vision picture the promise of chapter 36?

4. Read John 3:5 and John 20:21–22. How does Jesus connect Himself to Ezekiel's promise of a new spirit and new breath? What does He send the disciples to do?

Heart: Internal Transformation

Goal: Examine how the text reshapes our identity, affections, and motivations to bring about honest self-examination.

5. In 36:31, God says His people will look back on their sin and loathe it. Read 2 Corinthians 7:10. How is godly sorrow different from worldly shame? When you fail, which one do you usually feel?

6. The exiles said, "We have become old, dry bones—all hope is gone" (37:11). Is there an area of your life where everything looks in place on the outside but feels like it has no breath? What would it look like to answer God the way Ezekiel did: "Sovereign Lord, you alone know"?
7. A new heart doesn't just change what we do; it changes what we want. Where have you seen God change what you want since you began following Him? What do you still find yourself wanting more than Him?

Hands: Living it Out

Goal: To move from hearing the Word to living it out as a disciple with specific, practical, and achievable steps for the coming week.

8. **Self-Audit you wants.** This week, look at your calendar, spending habits, screen-time report, etc. What do they say you love most? What does it reveal about your affections? Bring what you find to God in prayer instead of shame and be ready to share one thing you noticed next time with the group. Each morning, pray Ezekiel 36:26: "Lord, take out my heart of stone and give me a heart that wants what You want today.

9. **Go to one person in the valley.** Jesus breathed on His disciples and sent them (John 20:21–22). This is the role of a disciple: being sent by Jesus to care for others well-being. Who is one person you know who feels like their hope is gone? Pray for them by name each day and take one step toward them this week.