

## **Lectionary Bible Study**

### **For Sunday, July 7, 2024 (Pentecost 7)**

#### **Ezekiel 2:1-5**

##### **Discussion Starters**

1. God addresses Ezekiel by the title "son of man" more than 90 times in this book. Why do you suppose God does that?
2. In Ezekiel 1:28, Ezekiel falls down before God. In Ezekiel 2:2, the Holy Spirit raises Ezekiel to his feet. What is significant about each posture, and why does God cause him to stand?
3. To whom does God send Ezekiel? What are they like? Why would God send Ezekiel to a people who are like that?
4. What purpose can be accomplished by proclaiming "Thus says the Lord God" even among a people who will not listen and repent?
5. What stands out to you in this "call story" in Ezekiel's life?
6. Have you ever been aware of a special "calling" from God in your own life? What happened? How did you respond? What were the results?

#### **2 Corinthians 12:2-10**

##### **Discussion Starters**

1. How has Paul's "thorn" affected his life?
2. Why are "weaknesses" not seen as problems from Paul's perspective? What kind of weaknesses does he have in mind?
3. Why do you think God did not remove Paul's thorn?
4. How do you react when God appears to be silent in answer to your prayer requests?
5. Describe a time when God worked through a difficult experience in your life.
6. What does Paul say about boasting?

#### **Mark 6:1-13**

##### **Discussion Starters**

1. What happens when Jesus goes home? Why?
2. What does the disciples' assignment tell you about the Kingdom of God?
3. What is the message the disciples were to proclaim? How did Jesus equip them for the task?
4. How does familiarity with Jesus interfere with people's faith even today?
5. How does your family react to your faith in Christ? How does that affect you?

##### **WRAP UP**

What key insight did you gain from this Bible study? How might it make a difference in how you live today?