

## **Redeemer C S I. church Kansas, Bible Study: Ezekiel 47**

### **Theme: The River of Life – Healing, Restoration, and God’s Abundant Presence**

Context: Ezekiel 47 is one of the most powerful prophetic visions in the book, describing a river flowing from the temple. As the river flows, it deepens and brings life wherever it goes. The chapter also includes a renewed vision of the land boundaries and the inheritance of Israel. It symbolizes God's healing power, His restoration of creation, and His life-giving presence flowing from the temple.

#### **Key Sections & Insights:**

**1. The River from the Temple (vv. 1–12):** Ezekiel sees water flowing from the temple’s threshold, increasing in depth as it moves outward. This river brings life to barren places, turns salt water fresh, and supports abundant trees and fish.

Insight: God's presence brings healing and restoration. His Spirit flows outward to revive what was dead and to sustain life.

**2. Boundaries of the Land (vv. 13–21):** The land is measured and distributed among the tribes of Israel, reflecting God's promise and faithfulness to His people.

Insight: God keeps His covenant and ensures that His people have a place of belonging and inheritance.

**3. Inclusion of Foreigners (vv. 22–23):** Foreigners who dwell among the Israelites and raise families are to be given inheritance among the tribes.

Insight: God's grace extends to all who dwell in His presence. His kingdom is inclusive and based on faith, not just heritage.

Spiritual Applications:

- The Holy Spirit flows from God's presence, bringing life, healing, and transformation.
- God desires to restore the broken and revive the dry places in our lives.
- The church is called to be a source of life and healing in the world, just as the river flowed from the temple.
- God's kingdom welcomes all who seek Him—His grace knows no boundaries.

**Discussion Questions:**

- \* 1. What does the river in Ezekiel 47 teach us about the nature and power of God's presence?
- \* 2. How does this chapter challenge us to be life-givers in our communities and families?
- \* 3. What areas of your life feel like dry or salty ground that need God's river to flow into them?
- \* 4. How does the inclusion of foreigners in God's inheritance reflect the heart of the gospel?