SMITH FOR CHRIST

TEACHING THE WORD · WATCHING THE TIMES

REFLECTION JOURNAL · FIVE DAYS

Ezekiel

Chapter 42

A Wall Between the Holy and the Profane

MEMORY VERSE · EZEKIEL 42:20

"He measured it on the four sides; it had a wall all around, the length five hundred and the width five hundred, to divide between the holy and the profane."

THIS JOURNAL BELONGS TO _____

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

This week in Ezekiel 42

This week God draws a line around His house, not to keep me out but to make a place where He can live with me. He asks me to look honestly at where the line between holy and common has blurred in my life. Let Him put the wall back up, and then let Him send you out to the people.

How to use this journal

1. Each day, read the passage slowly — out loud if you can.
2. Answer the **Observe** question from the text before you write what it means.
3. Write honestly on the **Reflect** questions. No one grades this.
4. Do the **Respond** step today, not someday. Say the memory verse.
5. Bring this journal to the group. The last page is for the table.

The O·I·A study, the slides and the film for this chapter are on the Ezekiel study page.

WHERE I AM AS I START THIS CHAPTER

What is going on in my life right now that I want to bring to God this week?

DAY 1 OF 5

Nothing Haphazard

READ · EZEKIEL 42:1–9

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Where did the guide take Ezekiel (v1), how many stories did the chambers have (v3), and why were the upper rooms smaller (vv5–6)?

REFLECT

God planned even the priests' storerooms and walkways with care (vv2–4). What ordinary part of my week have I treated as if it doesn't matter to God?

REFLECT

Where does my life feel haphazard right now, and what one thing could I bring into order?

RESPOND — TODAY

Write out tomorrow's schedule tonight and give the first slot of the day to God.

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DAY 2 OF 5

Both Sides the Same

READ · EZEKIEL 42:10–12

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

How do the south chambers compare with the north chambers (v11)?

REFLECT

The two blocks were mirror images (v11). Is there a side of my life people see and a side they don't? How different are they?

REFLECT

What would it take for the hidden side of my life to match the side I show at church or at meetings?

RESPOND — TODAY

Tell one trusted brother about one thing on the hidden side that you want God to bring into the light.

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DAY 3 OF 5

Near to the LORD

READ · EZEKIEL 42:13–14

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What did the priests who were near to the LORD eat in the holy chambers, and what did they do before going out to the people (vv13–14)?

REFLECT

The priests near to God were fed at His house (v13). How has God fed me when I have come near to Him?

REFLECT

The priests changed their clothes and then went out to the people (v14). How should my time with God change the way I walk into my day?

RESPOND — TODAY

After your Bible reading today, go do one specific kindness for someone before the day ends.

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (EZEKIEL 42:20)

DAY 4 OF 5

Measured on Every Side

READ · EZEKIEL 42:15–19

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What did the guide measure on the east, north, south and west, and what number did he get each time (vv16–19)?

REFLECT

Every side came out the same (vv16–19). Which side of my life, work, family, body, faith, gets the least care from me?

REFLECT

God measured the whole perimeter of His house. What part of my life have I kept outside His measuring line?

RESPOND — TODAY

Pray through the four sides of your life, home, work, body and heart, and ask God to measure each one.

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (EZEKIEL 42:20)

DAY 5 OF 5

The Line That Keeps the Life

READ · EZEKIEL 42:20

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What was the wall's purpose, in the exact words of verse 20?

REFLECT

The wall was there “to divide between the holy and the profane” (v20). Where has that line blurred for me, in what I watch, how I talk, or what I laugh at?

REFLECT

In recovery, walls like no old numbers and no old haunts keep the life. What wall do I need to put back up this week?

RESPOND — TODAY

Name one wall you are building this week and tell your group or sponsor so someone can hold you to it.

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WHEN THE GROUP MEETS

Questions for the table

FOR THE GROUP · 1

The priests were fed at God's house (42:13). What does it look like for you to be fed by God, not just to work for Him?

FOR THE GROUP · 2

Why do you think the priests had to change clothes before going to the people (42:14), and what is the danger of mixing holy service and ordinary life?

FOR THE GROUP · 3

Judah blurred the line and the glory left (22:26). What walls has God used to protect your freedom, and which one is under pressure right now?

MY PRAYER

Holy God, You drew a line around Your house so You could dwell there, so draw that line in my life again and...

CUT OUT · CARRY IT · EZEKIEL 42:20

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