

The Little Scroll (5/4/25)

Discussion Questions

Summary: As we wait for the seventh trumpet to sound a glorious figure descends from heaven with a word for John; in fact, with a scroll. Just like Ezekiel over 600 years before him, John is told to eat the scroll which was sweet in his mouth but became bitter in his stomach. Just like Ezekiel, John is commissioned to speak God's word. How does God prepare and commission His people to speak on His behalf? 1) We see His infinite glory; 2) We hear His irrevocable promises; 3) We receive His all-satisfying Word and; 4) We proclaim His message to the nations. Read Ezekiel 2-3 and be encouraged that *your* assignment from the Lord isn't so bad by comparison...

"So I went to the angel and told him to give me the little scroll. And he said to me, 'Take and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey.'"
Revelation 10:9

How God Commissions a Prophet:

- See God's Infinite **Glory** (v. 1-4; Ezek. 1)
 - The Creator of all things is **Sovereign** over all things (v. 2, 6)
- Hear God's Irrevocable **Promise** (v. 5-7)
- **Receive** God's All-Satisfying Word (v. 8-10)
- **Proclaim** God's Message to the Nations (v. 11; Ezek. 2:3-6)

"Son of man, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears. And go to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD,' whether they hear or refuse to hear." Ezekiel 3:11

Get Started:

1. Tell us about your first job. What did you do? How did you like it?
2. How did you discover your career path / calling in life? How did the Lord lead you?

Dig Deeper:

3. Read Revelation 10:1-11. What stands out to you in this passage?
4. How is the figure in v. 1 like the "Son of Man" in chapter 1 vv. 13-16?
5. What is significant about standing on the land and the water? What do you think the scroll represents?
6. How does the contrast feel between a message that is "sealed" (v. 4) and the promise that God's mystery would soon be fully revealed (v. 6-7)?
7. Why would the scroll be sweet upon eating but bitter later? (Hint: see Ezekiel below.)

Move Forward:

8. Read Ezekiel 3:1-3. What was sweet about this instruction from the Lord?
9. Read Ezekiel 3:4-7. What was bitter about Ezekiel's assignment?
10. Read Ezekiel 2:1-5. Immediately after his vivid vision of God's glory upon his throne, the prophet hears this from the Lord. How would you feel if these words were spoken to you?
11. Read Revelation 10:11. What "peoples and nations and languages and kings" has God placed around you? Let's pray for boldness to share with them!