



## The Breath of God

- Focus** The Word of God is the breath of God, sustaining us and giving us life. Just as we cannot exist without air in our physical bodies, we cannot survive spiritually without regularly breathing in the “air” of the Word of God.
- Open** Have you ever fainted or nearly blacked out for lack of oxygen? How would you describe the experience?
- Read** We may survive without bread for several weeks or without water for several days, but we cannot survive for more than a couple of minutes without air (breath). The Bible is God speaking to us. When God speaks, He breathes. His breath is the power to accomplish what He says. God’s breath gives us understanding, order, strength and life. Nothing can withstand or overcome the power of the breath of God—His Word.
- Talk**
1. What happens in our physical body when we’re robbed of oxygen or receive a limited supply? How does this compare to what happens in our lives when we receive only a limited supply of the Word of God?
  2. Practically speaking, in what ways do we “breathe in” the Word of God?
  3. Read Ezekiel 37:1–10. What did the breath of God do in this passage of Scripture? What was Ezekiel’s role in the process?

4. Isaiah 55:11 says, *“So shall My Word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”*
- a. Where should we go to receive the power needed to accomplish the will of God in our lives?
  - b. What assurance does this verse give us about the effectiveness of the power of the Word of God?
  - c. To this point, have you really believed that the power inherent in the Word of God was enough for the situations in your life? Why or why not?

### Live

- 1. Where in your life do you need the Word of God to bring new life or revive a “valley of dry bones”?
- 2. What scriptures already come to mind about each of your “dry bones” situations? Share them with one another and write them down.
- 3. What, specifically, will you do this week to begin to “breathe in” the Word of God more deeply?

### Pray

As a group, speak out and pray the Word of God over each of your “dry bones” situations, declaring the power of God over each one. Ask for new vitality to come to your spiritual life through each of your renewed commitments to breathe deeply of the Word of God.