

The
Gospel
according
to
Seuss

part 9
Green Eggs and Ham
Ezekiel 37:1-11



FAMILY FAITH TALK

The Family Faith Talk section is designed to help you bring what we talked about in worship home with you. Take some time during the week to work through the following activity and questions to dig deeper as a family into God's Word.

Discussion Points:

1. Do you have a favorite food? Least favorite? Why? Have your tastes in food changed as you've grown up? If so, how? What is the strangest and most exotic food you have ever eaten?
2. Read Ezekiel 37:1-11.
3. What images stand out to you? Why? What are the repeated words or phrases in this section? What does this repetition tell you?
4. In what ways are we like the Israelites? Why is it easier to insist we "do not like green eggs and ham" than to try a new way of looking at and enriching our faith journey and our service to God?
5. There are many times in life that we, like Sam's friend, initially resist something that ultimately we might like or might need. Why are we hesitant to hear new perspectives? Why are we inclined to push off plates of "green eggs and ham" as unappealing and make excuses for not eating them? Do we make excuses to keep our faith in familiar places?
6. Discuss the personalities and perspectives of "Sam I Am" and Sam's friend in handling the unexpected in the journeys of faith. Do you sometimes identify with each of them? When and why?
7. There are times when we are called to be like "Sam I Am" and take a stand for God and do so tirelessly. Consider examples from your own life where you have been a "Sam I Am" for God. What were the challenges, the rewards? How can we be persistent but loving, determined but faithful?

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, the valleys are real and overwhelming. Speak life into these dry places, giving flesh to Your living Word that points me toward a new day You are at work to create through faith in Jesus. Come, Lord Jesus, come. In Jesus' name, Amen.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SEUSS: "Green Eggs and Ham"

Ezekiel 37:1-11

I. Intro: Taste test

II. One of the most _____ prophets of the Old Testament is a _____ named Ezekiel

And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, you know." (Ezekiel 37:2-3 ESV)

A. Just like Sam-I-Am, Ezekiel is given something like green eggs and ham to _____ to _____

B. Difficult to stomach, the _____ are _____

"Teach me, O God, not to torture myself, not to make a martyr of myself through stilling reflection, but rather teach me to _____ deeply in _____." (Soren Kierkegaard)

C. Yet hope is found in the _____

So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army. (Ezekiel 37:10 NKJV)

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. (Romans 8:11 ESV)

D. Are there graves that _____ to be _____ today?

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." (Isaiah 43:18-19 NIV)

And after my body has decayed, yet in my body I will see God! I will see him for myself. Yes, I will see him with my own eyes. I am overwhelmed at the thought! (Job 19:26-27 NLT)