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- We heard from Ezekiel 37:1-14, that God said, *“I will put my Spirit in you...”* Read also Ezekiel 36:24-27 and share what you think about this passage. How do you think, or do you think, this passage applies to us “Spirit-filled” believers today? What might this mean in our lives as it relates to our struggle with sin?
- What do you think it takes to be closely aligned and sensitive to the Spirit, who dwells within the person who believes in Christ Jesus? Do you think it is possible to live in close awareness to this in-filling Spirit? Do you think you can live as Jesus lived when He walked upon the face of the earth (sensitive and obedient to the Words of God from the Spirit)? Please explain why and what you believe.
- If you are not experiencing “life in the Spirit” as it has been taught and promised from Scripture, what do you think is the next step for you to take in order to live refreshed and revived in your Christian walk?
- One way to get “dry bones” to live again is to be encouraged by other believers, especially in the context of learning and practicing environments. There are a number of these opportunities at Mountain View Church—check your new Winter Ministry Catalog for groups and places that might be a best fit for you to renew your spirit. If you need additional help, ask Pastor Jeff (jborden@mountainviewlife.org).

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