

Open with prayer for God's wisdom to be given to us.

The Greek historian, Plutarch, in his work Lives of the Noble Greeks and Romans, wrote of a messenger sent to tell Armenian King Tigranes that the Roman military leader, Lucullus, was closing in on attack. Tigranes was so displeased by the news, he beheaded the messenger. After that, no other messenger wanted to deliver the news again, so Tigranes sat uninformed as defeat neared, willing only to listen to those who flattered him. Like messengers to Tigranes, we may also be frightened to bring God's warnings to disobedient people. Not so when it comes to faith in God. God is sovereign. God tells Ezekiel he must speak the truth of God's message to Israel, a rebellious people at that time. God calls on Ezekiel to be His prophet, no matter the people's response. God calls us to do the same.

Read Ezekiel 2.

Questions to Answer and Apply: Who is the One who gives us the courage to proclaim in the face of disbelief (hint, verse 2)? What does the word "Sovereign," mean, and do we truly believe that's Who God is?

Close in prayer with thanksgiving to God.