



Ezekiel Stick Ministry

Hand to the Plow Ministries



We are excited for you to be on your Ezekiel Stick Ministry journey! We remember the excitement and thrill of obedience when we gave our first stick away! It's a moment you or the recipient of the Ezekiel stick won't soon forget!

The following is a "template" to help you find your footing in words and explanation. But, it's just that - a template. We pray God will give you the words to say in the moment. We can testify that He has **always** been faithful to help!

1. Familiarize yourself with the scripture from Ezekiel that tells the story and background of the sticks. You can read it here: [Ezekiel 37: 15-23](#). It's important to know the overall context, not that you have to be able to quote it verbatim.
2. Identify who your ~~target~~ recipient is 😊! If you have the opportunity for conversation, listen for cues that may speak to either the Judah (praise) or Ephraim (suffering) mission of the stick. If you do not have an opportunity for conversation, that's ok! The Holy Spirit may direct you to give a stick to someone you have never seen, met or talked to before!
3. Look for the "open door" to say, **"I believe God wants to give you a gift to speak to you personally in your life. He knows exactly where you are and what you have been and are going through. He sees YOU!"**
4. If you have already talked to them, reference the experience of joy or suffering, or both, and say,
 - a. **"This stick represents how God holds you in the palm of His hand. He takes your suffering, which is like what the stick of Ephraim represents, and together with praise, which is like what the stick of Judah represents, and He binds them together in His hand. You are being held in the palm of His hand - right here in the midst of your suffering. -OR- You are being held in the palm of His hand - right here as you are rejoicing in the joy you are experiencing!**
 - i. If the situation is somber or full of grief say, **"God wants you and ALL of your suffering to be held in Him. He is near to you in your brokenness and He does not fear or turn away your suffering. Let Him hold you, just as you cling to the Ezekiel Stick."**

- ii. If the situation is full of joy say, **“God is rejoicing with you! He is holding you near as you are celebrating and experiencing your season of joy! Relish every moment of it!”**
5. You may be surprised at what may transpire after the above statements. We have found the stick to be “disarming” and people may begin to open up to you and ask for prayer, weep, laugh, cry... just be ready!
6. When it seems right in your interaction, remind the person or people that God is with them in EVERY season. He will never leave or forsake them - they can absolutely count on that! Weeping or rejoicing, God is near.
7. At this point, the basic message has been given. If there is opportunity to give more context to the scriptures, feel free to do so. If not, the story is on the card attached to the stick and you can say, **“When or if you have time, you can read the story on the card. It tells the story of the sticks in the Bible.”**
8. Thank them for allowing you to share in their story and for the privilege of giving them a stick.
9. Tell them you will be praying for them! And ***make sure to pray!***
10. If it feels appropriate, invite them to church or check up on them in the following days or weeks!

Praise God! You have ministered to one, some or many of God’s sons or daughters! Be encouraged and emboldened as you carry on!

And, we here at Plow pray, as you have given a stick away, that God will pour back into you full measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over! Hallelujah!