Sermon Discussion Guide

March 20, 2022

READ

Read 1 Corinthians 15 aloud and consider making some observations about the passage.

Sermon Recap: Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:

- If Christ didn't rise from the dead, then the apostles are liars, our faith is futile, our suffering for following Christ is pointless, and Christians who died have no real salvation.
- Our resurrection bodies will be awesome, eternal, beautiful, powerful, Spirit-filled, and Christ-like.
- Because of the resurrection: Death and suffering are temporary and endurable, our labors for Christ are never useless, and we can obey Jesus in the face of risk, suffering, and death. The resurrection makes living for Jesus the only wise choice.

GROUP DISCUSSION

- 1. Let's say that Jesus didn't rise from the dead. Look back over your last week. What would you do differently if the resurrection was false?
- 2. Consider the future of our resurrected bodies and the new creation. What makes you most excited? What about these truths give you hope in the midst of difficult trials?
- 3. How can this chapter help you talk to someone who doesn't believe in Christ?
- 4. Consider your answers to the first question. Are you living the same way as someone who doesn't believe in the resurrection? What in your life needs to change?

Weekly Response Questions Prayer Reflect: What does the death and resurrection of Jesus teach us about God and his way of working in the world? Respond: What is one habit that you need to start or stop in light of the truth of the resurrection? Reach: Who is the one person you want to share this truth with? Prayer

- Ask God to give us real hope through the resurrection of Christ. Pray that all of us would set our hopes beyond this life, and beyond the grave.
- Pray that God would use these truths to save people in our midst. Pray specifically for "cultural Christians," for whom the resurrection makes no impact on their lives.