



Easter Weekend Discussion Guide

Week of 4/17/22

Icebreaker: What's your favorite tradition related to Easter, either now or when you were growing up?

Getting Started: Read 1 Corinthians 15 as a group...and, yes, it's long!

1. Read verses 1-11 where Paul reminds the Corinthians of the gospel message that was first passed on to him. What are the key features or points of this message?

Application: Paul claims that the risen Jesus appeared to over 500 people at one time, and many of them were still alive when he wrote this letter in the mid-50s AD! How could this simple (yet amazing) fact encourage your faith and embolden your witness to others?

2. Paul recounts how the risen Jesus appeared to James and to himself (two skeptics) plus to the apostles. History tells us that some of these same men were martyred for their belief in Jesus. How could their willingness to face execution increase our confidence that Jesus really was resurrected?

Application: What kind of costs are associated with believing in Jesus' resurrection today?

3. Paul explains what's at stake with the resurrection in verses 12-34. What would be the consequence if the resurrection never happened?

Application: According to these verses, if you're a Christian, how should the resurrection be a source of hope to us as we go through the ups and downs of this life?

4. Verses 35-49 compare our bodies in this life with those in the life to come. What distinctions is Paul making between these two types of bodies?

Application: How could these verses help us adopt a more hopeful perspective as we go through the aging process or health problems?

5. Verses 50-58 describe victory! What link do you see here between Jesus' resurrection and victory for the person who follows Jesus?

Application: What do you think it looks like for us to live lives of victory as Paul describes in this chapter? What area(s) of your life are in need of a reminder that we have ultimate victory in Jesus?

*Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable,
always abounding in the work of the Lord,
knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.*

1 Corinthians 15:58