

# Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of February 20 - February 26, 2022

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## Grace & Truth

### The Defeat of Death and Victory Through the Resurrection

#### 1 Corinthians 15:35-58

#### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Who is your favorite athlete? What draws you to this particular athlete?

#### QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

#### MAIN POINTS:

The hope of the resurrection fills us with courage to face life and death, and gives direction and urgency to how we live here and now.

#### DIGGING DEEPER

1. **Read 1 Corinthians 15:35 aloud.** Paul presents this as a rhetorical question, possibly one he had heard or in response to doubts expressed by the Corinthians. What do you believe is at the heart of the question?
  - a. How does Paul respond to the question, "How are the dead raised?." What illustration does he use in his answer? **Read John 12:24 aloud** and compare what Jesus says to Paul's response.
  - b. What does Paul anticipate the argument against the resurrection to be?
  - c. In your own words, answer the question, "With what kind of body do they come?". **Read 1 Corinthians 15:42-44** to help you in your answer.

2. **Read 1 Corinthians 15:36-48 aloud.** In these verses, Paul refutes the objections posed in verse 35. He begins with a rebuke in verse 36. What is the point he is making in this verse? How does this respond to his question in verse 35?
  - a. In verses 37-41, Paul continues making his point. If asked, how would you summarize what Paul is saying in these verses?
  - b. In verses 42-49, Paul continues to explain the difference between the fleshly body and the spiritual body.
    - i. What two people does Paul use in his illustration?
    - ii. There are five observations Paul makes about Adam that he uses to draw conclusions about Jesus. Discuss these five observations and conclusions.
3. **Read 1 Corinthians 15:50-55 aloud.** Summarize what Paul is saying in these verses.
  - a. Paul seems to be addressing a concern expressed by the Corinthians about those who are alive when Christ returns. **Read 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 aloud** and compare this to 1 Corinthians 15:51. How do these verses correlate to your beliefs?
  - b. How would you explain these verses to someone hearing them for the first time?
4. **Read 1 Corinthians 15:56-58 aloud.** Discuss the following:
  - a. Verse 56 says that “the power of sin is the law”, what does he mean?
  - b. **Read Romans 6:23 aloud** and discuss how it relates to verses 56-57.
  - c. How should we apply what Paul says in verse 58? What is “the work of the Lord” that Paul speaks of?

## TAKING IT HOME

Looking back at this week’s study, what is important for you to remember and why?

## PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

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