

Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of Mar 31, 2024

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

Transformed by the Resurrection

(I Corinthians 15:1-11)

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Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud together I Corinthians 15:1-11.

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create a curiosity for you in some way?

What aspects of Pastor Alan's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

Pastor Alan states that the claim Jesus died and rose again changes everything?

In what ways does this claim change things for you?

If you ever wrestle with certain claims stated in the Bible (maybe you are someone who typically longs for strong physical evidence in any number of things), share a little bit with the group how you navigate this tension.

Pastor Alan shared two characteristics that are desired in any historical source – 1. That the person sharing the info is sharing it close to the event and 2. That this person was an eyewitness.

In verses 3-8, Paul shares that the resurrected Jesus appeared to more than 500 individuals including himself and that “most of them are still living” at the time of his writing.

If you ever wrestle with doubt regarding the resurrection, how encouraged are you by the fact of how many people witnessed Jesus post-resurrection and how quickly Paul's writing could have been dismissed without this support?

Within these same verses, Paul highlights three specific people who encountered the risen Jesus: Peter, James, and Paul himself.

Spend some time talking about the transformations that took place in these three individuals before and after experiencing the resurrected Jesus?

In what ways do these personal transformations potentially encourage you?

In verse 10, Paul states, "By the grace of God, I am what I am and his grace to me was not without effect."

In what ways has the resurrection changed/impacted you?

In what ways has the resurrection changed/impacted someone close to you?

In verse 11, Paul uses the word "pistis" which is translated into the word belief.

Pastor Alan shared that this word means much more than just an intellectual acknowledgement. Instead, it is professing a commitment to or a complete reorientation of our lives.

If you long for a greater transformation in your own life, how could that begin to take shape today?

What role can Jesus' resurrection play in this journey forward?

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend's message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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