

Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of April 13-14, 2024

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

Personal Easter

(I Corinthians 15:35-57)

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Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud together I Corinthians 15:35-57.

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

How often, if ever, do you find yourself thinking about what life might be like in the heavenly realm?

If you do find yourself pondering this post-resurrection experience, what does this entail?

Paul addresses the difference between earthly bodies and heavenly bodies (vs. 40-44).

He uses the following words to describe earthly bodies: perishable, dishonor, weak, and natural.

He contrasts these words with the following words which describe heavenly bodies: imperishable, glory, power, and spiritual.

How does it make you feel to contrast these two lists?

Paul concludes this portion of scripture declaring victory over death through Jesus (vs. 55-57). Maybe take a moment to read these verses together.

What is your emotional response to these words?

Pastor Howard shared the following C.S. Lewis quote, “If you read history, you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next... It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this. Aim at Heaven and you will get earth ‘thrown in’: aim at earth and you will get neither.”

What is your response to this quote?

In what ways are you currently living a life like that which is described here?

If this challenges you in some way, how so?

Pastor Howard posed the following question, “Can you imagine how different the lives of those around us would be if we lived with a ‘Thanks be to God’ approach to life?”

Take some time to ponder and unpack this question with your group.

Pastor Howard shared one more C.S. Lewis quote which describes believers in Jesus, “[God] will make the feeblest...of us into a...dazzling, radiant, immortal creature, pulsating all through with such energy and joy and wisdom and love as we cannot now imagine, a bright stainless mirror which reflects back to God perfectly...His own boundless power and delight and goodness.”

What feelings does this stir in you when you reflect on your own life as well as reflecting on the lives of those close to you who have already passed on from this life?

If you do not currently spend much time reflecting on the reality of and the gift of the resurrection, has this portion of scripture caused you to ask whether maybe that needs to change? If yes, how so?

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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