

Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of April 6-7, 2024

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

The Necessity of Resurrection

(I Corinthians 15:12-34)

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Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud together I Corinthians 15:12-34.

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

If you've ever questioned the necessity of the resurrection in your faith walk, share a little bit about this experience. What prompted it? Where are you now in processing the resurrection?

Paul goes to the point of saying that, "... if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith." (vs. 14).

How do you respond to such strong language from Paul?

Paul then transitions to proclaiming the truth of the resurrection (vs. 20) and the deliverance from the fall to redemption (vs. 21-23).

What encouragement do you draw from this resurrection claim?

Pastor Nate shared that Paul is reminding us that the resurrection is not the finish line, it is the starting line (vs. 24-25).

What does this reality mean for you?

Pastor Nate shared two responses we often find from humanity when pondering the reality of death: either being in denial of it or facing it with resignation.

However, Paul states that, “The last enemy to be destroyed is death.” (vs. 26)

How do you typically process the reality of death? Has this changed over time? If yes, how so?

Paul’s choices in how he lived were dramatically impacted by his confidence in the resurrection (vs. 30-32).

How is the resurrection shaping the choices you make in how you choose to live?

And if it does not seem to be playing a significant role in your choices, why is that?

Paul warns the church of Corinth to, “not be misled... by bad company.” (vs. 33).

In what ways, if at all, do you see the church at times being misled by the culture around us regarding the prospect of death (minus the reality of the resurrection)?

Paul closes this portion of scripture by imploring his listeners to, “Come back to your senses...” (vs. 34)

What could it look like for you to orient your life more fully around the foundational belief of the resurrection?

Just as Pastor Nate shared how the hope of the resurrection is dramatically impacting how he faces his uncertain future, where are you needing the hope of the resurrection in your own life today?

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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