



# Resurrection Hope

## Small Group Study Questions

Sermon on April 7

### **1 Corinthians 15:35-49 (NASB)**

35 But someone will say, "How are the dead raised? And with what kind of body do they come?"  
36 You fool! That which you sow does not come to life unless it dies; 37 and that which you sow, you do not sow the body which is to be, but a bare grain, perhaps of wheat or of something else.  
38 But God gives it a body just as He wished, and to each of the seeds a body of its own. 39 All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one flesh of mankind, another flesh of animals, another flesh of birds, and another of fish. 40 There are also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one, and the glory of the earthly is another. 41 There is one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body; 43 it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; 44 it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. 45 So also it is written: "The first man, Adam, became a living person." The last Adam was a life-giving spirit. 46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual. 47 The first man is from the earth, earthy; the second man is from heaven. 48 As is the earthy one, so also are those who are earthy; and as is the heavenly one, so also are those who are heavenly. 49 Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly.

### **Luke 24:36-43 (NASB)**

36 Now while they were telling these things, Jesus Himself suddenly stood in their midst and \*said to them, "Peace be to you." 37 But they were startled and frightened, and thought that they were looking at a spirit. 38 And He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why are doubts arising in your hearts? 39 See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, because a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you plainly see that I have." 40 And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. 41 While they still could not believe it because of their joy and astonishment, He said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" 42 They served Him a piece of broiled fish; 43 and He took it and ate it in front of them.

## DIGGING DEEPER

What are some common images of what heaven or everlasting life will be like?

What are some things that you hope it will be like?

### **Read 1 Corinthians 15:35-39**

How does Paul answer the question, "With what kind of body do they come?"

Is there an order to God's creation and resurrection of our bodies?

### **Read 1 Corinthians 15:40-44**

Paul is making the argument that although similar, earthly bodies and heavenly bodies are different. He uses the Sun, Moon, and Stars as an example. What other things are similar, but yet different like this?

Which body is better, the natural or spiritual/heavenly?

### **Read 1 Corinthians 15:45-49**

In verse 45, what was the difference between Adam (the first man) and the "last Adam" (Jesus Christ)?

Without verse 46, what kind of false teaching could the church start teaching?

## DIGGING DEEPER

How does one transfer from being just earthly, to earthly with a heavenly future? (See 1 Corinthians 15:1-3)

According to all of these verses, what can we be looking forward to about our heavenly bodies?

How can we hold firmly the word about the resurrection of Christ this week?

## TAKING IT HOME

## PRAYER REQUEST

