



# Resurrection Hope

## Small Group Study Questions

Sermon on March 3, 2024

### **1 Corinthians 15:1-9 (NASB)**

15 Now I make known to you, brothers and sisters, the gospel which I preached to you, which you also received, in which you also stand, 2 by which you also are saved, if you hold firmly to the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.

3 For I handed down to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 After that He appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; 7 then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; 8 and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, and not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

## DIGGING DEEPER

What are some of the most important events in all of history?

Before the internet and worldwide access to events, how would one verify that something was true?

### **Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-2**

What things do we as Christians believe that would be “in vain” if Jesus’ resurrection didn’t happen?

### **Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-5**

This is the Gospel or Good News. What’s the proof that Paul gives his reader for this good news?

Why are each of these important: Jesus’ death, Jesus’ burial, and Jesus’ resurrection?

Which was most important? What’s your proof?

### **Read 1 Corinthians 15:6-9**

How does the inclusion of this many witnesses to the resurrection strengthen the credibility of Paul’s message?

## DIGGING DEEPER

How many people would you need to verify something like the resurrection of Jesus happened?

How does Paul's acknowledgment of his past as a persecutor of the church impact his understanding of grace and redemption through the gospel of Christ?

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

## TAKING IT HOME

## PRAYER REQUEST

