



Resurrection Hope

Small Group Study Questions

Sermon on March 24, 2024

1 Corinthians 15:29-34 (NASB)

29 For otherwise, what will those do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why then are they baptized for them? 30 Why are we also in danger every hour? 31 I affirm, brothers and sisters, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, that I die daily. 32 If from human motives I fought with wild beasts at Ephesus, what good is it to me? If the dead are not raised, let's eat and drink, for tomorrow we die. 33 Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals." 34 Sober up morally and stop sinning, for some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

DIGGING DEEPER

Over the past few weeks, we have been talking about the resurrection of Jesus. What difference does the resurrection make in your life?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:29

Reflecting on verse 29, what insights does this provide into early Christian beliefs and practices surrounding baptism? How does this differ from our view on baptism?

While other religions or cults use this verse to teach proxy baptism or something similar, Paul wasn't teaching this as something we should do. Instead, he is using this false teaching and action to show the hypocrisy of those who did practice or teach it but still didn't believe in the resurrection of the dead. Are there any false teachings or actions in the worldwide church that don't make sense?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:30-32

What are the dangers of preaching about Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection?

Was Paul being a wimp when he wrote these words? Why or why not?

If we are called to preach the same message, do you experience dying daily? Why or why not?

In verse 32, Paul is quoting a popular philosophy saying of the day. Where have you seen this type of thinking in today's society?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read 1 Corinthians 15:33-34

While we may use verse 33 to encourage our children in their friend choices, why would Paul be saying this here?

The Corinthians were allowing the worldview of non-believers to influence their line of thinking, and Paul calls it shameful. If we are to preach Christ to the world around us, how do we do that but not allow their thinking to influence us?

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

TAKING IT HOME

PRAYER REQUEST

