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1 Corinthians 15:35-58: New Bodies

“I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far...” (Philippians 1:23)

“We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.” (2 Corinthians 5:8)

Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.” (Luke 23:43)

Resurrection Bodies:

Perishable to Imperishable

Dishonor to Glory

Weakness to Power

Natural to Spiritual

“...in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.” (1 Corinthians 15:52)

“...Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” (1 Corinthians 15:54-55)

HOME GROUP Questions for 1 Corinthians 15:35-58...

1. What can we understand now about what our bodies will be like after the day of resurrection? What things are we able to say about them? What aspects remain a mystery to us for now?
2. When Paul speaks about the “spiritual body,” it is important to understand that he is still talking about a physical body, but one that is animated by the life-giving Spirit of Jesus. How does knowing that your body will one day be raised up and made perfect impact the way you use it now?
3. What are you most looking forward to about the moment when Jesus returns with the sound of a trumpet and raises the dead? How does it make you feel to know that God gives us victory over death and the grave through our Lord Jesus Christ?
4. Rather than suggesting that we hunker down and wait for the day of resurrection, Paul says that we should instead be “steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.” How can we know that the labor we do right now is not in vain?