

Are There Dogs in Heaven?

Discussion Notes

1 Corinthians 15.1-28

May 22, 2022

*Note: Our messages from May 1 - June 5 will build on these ideas week by week. Be patient, stick with us, read the scriptures.*

*If you'd like to read other books on this subject, read*

- *"Surprised by Hope" by N.T. Wright*

- *"Heaven" by Randy Alcorn*

*Message summary - Jesus goes first. Jesus' resurrection shows that at the end there will be the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.*

Intro question - Are you a dog person or a cat person? Why?

*(And please note - the point of this question is to get to know each other and to get us thinking about God's Creation and the New Creation - not to make a big deal about pets.)*

Read 1 Corinthians 15.1-11

What does Paul say is of first importance?

*(To see why this is so important see next question.)*

Read 1 Corinthians 15.12-19

What does Paul say about faith in Jesus, indeed all Christianity, if there is no resurrection of the dead?

Read 1 Corinthians 15.20-28

What does "firstfruits" mean?

If Christ is risen from the dead, what can those joined to Christ (born again in Christ) expect in the end?

How is resurrection and the New Creation different from "floating off into heaven" when you die?

Why does this matter? (see vs 58)

*(How does knowing you eventually will get out of lockdown affect how you handle lockdown? Imagine the opposite - being in lockdown with no hope of ever getting out!)*

*Prayer suggestion - Pray for each other to have mental resilience for the remainder of lockdown. Split off 2 by 2 and bless the presence of God in each other.*