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## **Discussion Questions With Emily LeVault**

What does Paul identify as the core elements of the gospel message? Why do you think he emphasizes that these truths are "of first importance"? How might keeping these essentials central help us navigate disagreements about secondary issues in the church? Can you think of any examples? Or any inter denominational disagreements that might not exist if we held fast to these instead?

Paul lists specific witnesses to the resurrection, including himself. Why does he include this list? How does historical evidence for the resurrection strengthen or challenge your faith? What role do personal encounters with the risen Christ play in our witness today?

Paul describes himself as "the least of the apostles" yet emphasizes God's grace working through him. How does his example challenge our understanding of qualification for ministry? In what ways have you seen God's grace work despite your own feelings of unworthiness? In what ways has your desire for credit and recognition hindered your ministry?

Paul describes a dramatic transformation from "the image of the earthly man" to "the image of the heavenly man." What does this promise mean for believers? Do you struggle to share this truth with others? Is this something that needs to be said/explained or should our lives be evidence enough?

Given the victory over death through Christ, Paul calls believers to be "steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord." What motivates you to remain faithful in serving when results aren't immediately visible? Have you given up on a certain person or place because you did not see the results you imagined?