

LIFE GROUP GUIDE wb 22nd July 2024

Key passage 1 Corinthians 15

This Week's BIG IDEA: We are continuing our look at chapter 15 of 1 Corinthians. Last week we looked at the first half of the chapter in which the focus was on the reality and importance of the resurrection of Christ. The second half of the chapter largely switches focus to discuss what the resurrection of Christ means for us and our future after death. In particular we will be looking at what the chapter says about life after death and how that might be a little different from the popular conception.

Fixing our eyes on God

Spend a few minutes praising God for the great truth that we looked at last week, that Jesus rose from the dead and thereby defeated our great enemies Sin and Death, once and for all.

Opening God's word

Read together the whole of 1 Corinthians 15 (be advised that it is 58 verses long! So maybe share out the reading between you.)

1. Spend a minute discussing together what you have previously been taught/ previously believed about the afterlife, in particular about Heaven.
2. Look at the parts of the chapter which particularly deal with our own resurrection (v35-53). Does the description in chapter 15 match what you have just discussed?
3. Read together Luke 24 v13-43. What does this passage teach us about Jesus' resurrection body? What then does that mean for our future resurrection bodies?
4. What then do you think is the difference between the 'spiritual' or 'heavenly' body and the 'earthly' body?
5. Read verse 58. What implications does the promise of future resurrection have for the way we live our lives now?

Time to pray

Spend time praying for each other to live the lives of the new humanity, the resurrection people, in your everyday lives.