

OVERCOME - Death

Icebreaker: How often do you think about your death? How would you like “to go?”

If a man dies, will he live again? (Job 14:14a)

The Gospel: Jesus died for our sins, was buried and physically rose from the dead...

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-6. Identify in the passage the three attributes related to the Gospel. Why are they important? In verses 5-6, why does Paul go into such detail listing out those who saw Jesus after His resurrection? What difference does it make?

Look up and read Romans 10:9. Have you done this? Why or why not? What is at stake?

Without the resurrection there is no...

- **Hope** – “If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.” (1 Cor. 15:13-14)
- **Help** – “...you are still in your sins.” (1 Cor. 15:17)
- **Point** – “If the dead are not raised, ‘Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.’” (1 Cor. 15:32b)

If the resurrection was a myth, how would you live your life differently?

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. (1 Cor. 15:20) Don’t miss the word, indeed!

Jesus rose from the grave and therefore...

- **We will rise** – “For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.” (1 Cor. 15:21-22)
- **We will worship** – “For He ‘has put everything under his feet.’ ...When He has done this, then the Son Himself will be made subject to Him who put everything under Him, so that God may be all in all.” (1 Cor. 15:27-28)
- **We will win** – “‘Death has been swallowed up in victory.’ ‘Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?’ ...But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Cor. 15:54b-57) **In, from, over what do we have victory?**

Of the three points above, which one excites you the most? Why?

Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. (1 Cor. 15:58)

Identify the two applicational points found in verse 58? Talk specifically how you can develop those in your daily lives as Christians. Pray as a group for God’s strength to 1) make you aware constantly of what you just discussed and 2) the motivation daily to do so.