

## **1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

### **Small Group Guide: The Gospel and Resurrection**

#### **Key Takeaways:**

1. The gospel is the good news of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection for our sins.
2. True salvation results in a desire to live for Christ and abide in Him.
3. The resurrection of Jesus is historically verifiable and the foundation of our faith.
4. God's grace enables us to fulfill our calling and ministry.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What does it mean to "hold fast" to the gospel? How can we do this in our daily lives?
2. The pastor mentioned different misconceptions about salvation (e.g., being a good person, being tolerant, doing good works). Have you encountered these ideas? How would you respond to them based on this sermon?
3. How does understanding the physical reality of Jesus' crucifixion impact your appreciation for His sacrifice?
4. Discuss the difference between justification, sanctification, and glorification. How do these concepts relate to our daily walk with Christ?
5. The sermon emphasized that true salvation leads to a desire to live for Christ. How have you experienced this in your own life?
6. Paul considered himself the "least of the apostles" due to his past. How can his example encourage us in our own spiritual journeys?
7. What does it mean to "abide in Christ"? How can we practically do this in our daily lives?

#### **Practical Applications:**

1. Take time this week to meditate on the gospel message as outlined in 1 Corinthians 15:3-4. Write down how this truth impacts your life.
2. Identify one area where you may be relying on your own efforts rather than God's grace. Pray for God's help in surrendering this area to Him.
3. Share your testimony with someone this week, focusing on how Christ has changed your life since accepting Him as your Savior.
4. Reflect on your spiritual gifts and how God might be calling you to serve in the church or community. Take one step towards using your gift this week.
5. Memorize a verse from the sermon (e.g., 1 Corinthians 15:1-2 or 15:3-4) to reinforce the gospel message in your mind and heart.

#### **Closing Prayer:**

Thank God for the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. Ask for His help in holding fast to the gospel, living out your faith, and fulfilling your calling in His grace.