WOur Future Secure

When some in Corinth disbelieved our future resurrection from the dead, the Apostle Paul points them to the resurrection of Jesus. If Christ has been raised from the dead, then we too can be confident that our future hope is secure. Just as "*in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive*" (1 Cor. 15:22). Consequently, any risk or hardship we endure for the sake of the gospel, will in the end, always be worth it.

- 1. Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-19.
 - Why would Paul's preaching and our faith be in vain if the resurrection didn't happen? (vs. 14)
 - Why would we still be "in our sins" (vs. 17), even though He died for our sins, if He didn't rise from the dead?
 - Paul says in verse 19 "If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied." Why do you think he says this, and do you agree?
 - Why does the fact that Jesus rose from the dead change everything? How has it changed everything for you personally?
- 2. Read 1 Corinthians 15:20-28. The resurrection of Christ is a preview of what those of us who know Christ can look forward.
 - How confident are you of Christ's return and the fact that you will be raised with Him?
 - In what ways does that truth impact your hope?
 - Read what Paul wrote in 1 Thess. 4:13-18. How can we encourage one another with this truth? (vs. 18)
- 3. Read 1 Corinthians 15:29-34.
 - If our eternity is secure, why does it matter how we live here on earth?
 - As followers of Christ, we know we have so much more to look forward to, but in what ways can we be tempted to live like this world is all there is?
 - Read Phil 3:20-21. How does knowing our citizenship is in heaven impact our day-to-day life here?

Spend time in your break-out groups praying for each other and that God would enable us all to live with an eternal perspective.

NOTES:

OTHER RESOURCES

READY TO GO DEEPER?

Studying God's Character and Attributes

This week we will study Christ as the resurrection and the life

(written by Karin Harper)

Jesus describes Himself as the resurrection and the life. Because of His power over death, we can look forward to our own resurrection into eternity with Him.

Reflect on the following passages about Christ's character...

John 11:17-27

John 6:37-40

Romans 6:1-11 and 8:1-11

2 Corinthians 4

2 Timothy 1:8-14

Colossians 2:9-15

How does Christ's power over death encourage your heart today?How does His power enable us to walk in newness of life? (Romans 6:4)In what ways can the truth of Romans 8:11 impact your day-to-day life?How does 2 Corinthians 4 give you hope to focus on the unseen?

Outside our Walls Woodmen U

Monday, April 12th we have new workshops and groups starting. They will focus on the following topics...

Marriage Racial Unity Hope Career Transitions Grief Divorce Addiction Mental Health and many other topics

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DIVE IN ON YOUR OWN TO GET READY FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Raised in Glory

1 Cor. 15:35-58