SUNDAY+

THE BEST IS YET TO COME

1 CORINTHIANS 15

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOSAIC @ THE BALLPARK!

- Come hang out with other Mosaicians at The Greatest Night In Baseball...it's the last game of the Gateway Grizzlies' season! We've reserved the entire left field picnic table area...plenty of room for you to relax and take in the game. PLUS...it's right next to the kids' play area...you're welcome parents!

RELATIONAL CONNECT & CHECK-IN

What's a time you experienced a "communication gap" — maybe a language barrier, a misunderstood text, or talking past someone? How did it get resolved?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Begin by reading aloud 1 Corinthians 15. Share anything that sticks out to you!

- **1.** The Core of the Gospel (vv.1–4): What four elements does Paul call "of first importance," and why do they matter today? (Leader: death for sins, burial, resurrection, appearances. The first three things are essential beliefs...they are the framework of the Gospel. The fourth element is a big reason why you can believe that the Gospel is true!)
- **2. If Christ Has Not Been Raised...** (**vv.14–19**): List the consequences Paul names. Which one hits you hardest and why? (*Leader: preaching empty, faith futile, still in sins, the dead lost, most to be pitied*)
- 3. Seed to Fruit (vv.36–38): How does Paul's seed analogy help you picture resurrection bodies? (Leader: There is a lot of confusion around this topic. While we don't know exactly how it's going to play out, the Bible is clear that our physical bodies will be resurrected. Remember, Plato was highly influential in the early church and taught that the body was evil and would remain in the grave, while the soul, being good, would go to heaven. Scripture teaches that both will be in heaven.)
- **4. New and Improved (vv.42–44):** What words describe our future bodies? Which brings you the most hope? (*Leader: New & improved, everlasting, beautiful, powerful, Spirit-filled, 100% Christ-like...*)
- **5. Death Defeated** (vv.54–57): How does Christ remove death's sting? Where do you still feel the sting, and how does the Gospel preach to it? (*Leader: Have the group read Psalm 30:5; Lamentation 3:22-23...encourage them that pain, in light of what's waiting in Heaven for the Believer is just Light and Momentary! DA Carson: "You're not suffering from anything that a good resurrection can't fix!")*
- **6. Trust and Obey (v.58):** Where is God calling you to be steady? Where can you abound (overflow) in the work of the Lord this week? What might He be calling you to that you've been hesitant to obey, because of the possible outcomes (pain, awkwardness, sacrifice, inconvenience? (*Leader: Encourage vulnerability here...looks for ways the group can encourage each other as they share.*)
- **7. Body and Soul (Revelation 20:13-15):** If you've surrendered to Jesus, this world is as close to hell as you'll ever have to come. If you haven't, sadly, this world is a close to heaven as you'll ever get. What does this truth stir in you?

ACTION STEP

Honestly answer this question: **Do I believe in the resurrection?** If the answer is no, what would it take to help you believe? Seek someone out to walk through that with you. The evidence is there! If the answer is yes, are there areas in your life that you need to align with that belief? Remember, we're all a work in progress. Salvation happens in an instant, but sanctification (growing in your walk with Jesus) takes a lifetime!

Lastly: How can we pray as a group for you? Be honest...