



Sermon Discussion Guide




How Then Shall We Live: Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:1-20

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Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit's promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

 Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-20. What stood out to you? What did you find interesting and/or important? What was challenging or caused you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

- 1 Being a Christian has always been hard. What makes being a Christian hard in this day and age?
- 2 What was your one main/big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

RESURRECTION GOSPEL

- 3 Why is "good news" perhaps an insufficient definition of "the gospel"? How is the gospel different from other world religions? How do most people incorrectly define Christianity?
- 4 What reasons does the Apostle Paul give for believing in the veracity of the resurrection?
- 5 The same power that raised Jesus from the dead has changed millions of lives. Has it changed your life? If so, how?

RESURRECTION RECONCILIATION

- 6 How did Ray define sin? Do you agree with his definition? What was the point of the illustration about the police officer and the umpire?
- 7 Why is the resurrection like a receipt? How can you use the resurrection to fight against the lies of Satan?
- 8 How can a person's relationship with their earthly father be reflective of what we all long for with God?

RESURRECTION RENEWAL

- 9 Why does Paul say, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins"?
- 10 A physical resurrection means the renewal of all things. What were some of the examples of temporary brokenness that Ray gave? What other ones could you add?
- 11 Are you staking your whole life on the truth of the gospel? In what ways is your work for Jesus in the present not in vain?

Step 3: Final Reflections

- ✠ How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ♥ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?