
Sermon: **“Our Hope in the Risen Christ” – 1 Corinthians 15:12-19**

Date: **October 29, 2023**

Group Discussion Questions

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the teaching and bible passage this week?
2. What is the connection between our future resurrection and the resurrection of Christ? Explain what Paul means in verse 13 when he writes, *“If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.”*
3. Why would Paul say that our faith is in *vain* if Christ is not raised (v. 14)?
4. In 2 Corinthians 4:4, Paul refers to the gospel as *“the gospel of the glory of Christ.”* What does he mean by that? What is the good news of the glory of Christ?
5. Read Philippians 3:7-11. What did Paul live for? Explain the value that Paul placed on knowing Christ and the power of his resurrection in this passage.
6. How can we assess whether we’ve come to know and prize the Lord Jesus like the apostle Paul has? In what ways should our lives look drastically different from unbelievers?

7. If our Lord Jesus was still in the grave, what would that imply about Christ's atonement? Why was the resurrection *necessary*? How is it connected to our justification (Romans 4:25)?

8. If in this life *only* we have hope in Christ, why are we as Christians a people most to be pitied (v. 19)? If someone were to evaluate the way we spent our time, money, and energy, what would a "pitiable" life look like if Christ is not raised?

9. But in fact, Christ has been raised (v. 20)! In summary, why is the resurrection of Christ at the very center of our faith? Why is the resurrection a source of great hope for the Christian? List all the reasons you can come up with.