

Bible Study Questions

The Resurrection of Jesus – 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Focus

There is only one gospel and it is essential that Christians keep believing that gospel because it is the means that God is using to save us. Central to the gospel is the truth of the historical, bodily resurrection of Jesus.

Read

[1 Corinthians 15](#)

Listen

CCNYC teaching on 1 Corinthians 15 which can be found on our [website](#)

As you study this passage on your own or with a small group of others, here are some questions for study, reflection, and application.

Some Questions for Study and Reflection

(The purpose of these opening questions is to review the passage that was recently preached on in order to make sure that everyone understands the basic structure, events, people, and point of the passage.)

1. Work through some basic review questions for this passage – for example:
 - What's the context? (Where are we in 1 Corinthians; the New Testament; and the Bible as a whole?)
 - Who are the people and/or situations that this passage is addressing?
 - What clues are there about the author and his circumstances?
 - Is there a conflict or high point in this passage? (What is the structure of this passage that builds to that point?)
 - What was the main point or theme of this passage that was identified in Sunday's sermon?
 - What surprises are there in this passage?
2. What questions do you still have about this passage that you'd like to discuss?

Questions for Reflection and Application

(The purpose of these reflection questions is to help each other not just understand what the passage is saying, but to think more deeply about what it means so that we can then accurately apply it to our lives today.)

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3. Verses 1 and 2 reflect the necessity of persevering in our faith. What are some of the implications of that truth?
4. How would you help a brother or sister in the church who was doubting some essential element of the gospel? Is there anything you can take from this passage to help you in your response to that person?
5. Since becoming a Christian, have you ever personally struggled with any of these three elements 'of first importance'? If so, how did you work through those struggles?
6. Of the four pieces of evidence that Paul gives here to prove the truth of the gospel, which do you personally find most helpful and relevant right now? Why?
7. Think of some of the non-Christians you know. Do you think any of these pieces of evidence would be helpful to them? How might you go about talking with them about some of these things?
8. Do you believe that Jesus physically rose from the dead at a particular moment in history? Why or why not?
9. Paul here shares about how his life has been changed by God's grace to him in the gospel of Jesus. How has your life been changed by that grace?
10. Has studying this passage in any way challenged your understanding about who God is and what He's like?
11. In light of studying this passage, is there any behavior or attitude that you need to personally address in your life?
12. How does this passage help you to love, trust, and worship Jesus more fully?