

Bible Study Questions

The Resurrection of the Dead – 1 Corinthians 15:12-34

Focus

If Christ has not been raised from the dead then all of the good news and all of the hope of Christianity is gone. We must 'wake up' to that reality.

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

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.)

1. How do you feel about the fact that, unless Jesus returns, you will die one day?
2. Verses 12-19 and 29-32 highlight some of the devastating implications if it's true that Jesus hasn't really been raised from the dead.
 - Make a list of all those implications.
 - Which one feels most devastating to you right now? Why?

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3. Verses 20-28 highlight some of the glorious implications of the fact of Jesus' resurrection.
 - Make a list of those implications.
 - Which one feels most glorious to you right now? Why?

4. Do you live in such a way that if the resurrection was proved to be false that your life would then be a life to be pitied? How so?

5. How can you live more fully into the implications of the resurrection? Try to be as specific as you can.

6. What does the emphasis on the resurrection with its resulting implications for this life also reveal about what genuine gospel ministry is all about and thus where it is that our focus must be as a church?

7. What do you make of the rebuke and warning given in verses 33-34? How can you apply it to your life?

8. Has studying this passage in any way challenged your understanding about who God is and what He's like?

9. In light of studying this passage, is there any behavior or attitude that you need to personally address in your life?

10. How does this passage help you to love, trust, and worship Jesus more fully?