

EASTER WEEKEND 2017

Small Group Discussion Notes

Getting Started: How did you celebrate Easter while growing up?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-28

1. Paul outlines what he “passed on to you as of first importance” in verses 3-8. What are the specifics Paul mentions? Is it possible to have a Christian faith without these specifics?
2. Why does Paul go into so much detail when talking about the witnesses who saw Jesus? Why does he mention that “most of who are still living?” (Verse 6)
3. Read verses 9-11. People often think of God’s grace as being in opposition to “working hard.” How does Paul refer to the relationship between grace and working hard? If a person is not “working hard,” what does that say about their understanding of God’s grace?
4. In verses 12-19, Paul points out a false teaching that needs to be addressed. What is it? He then gives a list of ramifications if Christ did not rise from the dead physically and literally. What are they?
5. Most of us do our best to never think of our own death. Why do we try so hard to avoid the topic? What do people do to avoid thinking about what happens when they die?
6. Read verses 20-28. What difference does it make to us that Christ has conquered death?
7. Read 1 Corinthians 15:54-58. Paul has reason to rejoice in the victory of Christ over death. What difference does this make as you look to your impending funeral?
8. In verse 58, Paul gives some clear instructions on how to live in light of Easter Sunday. What do these instructions look like in your own life?

Abide/Love/Bless: Name someone in your life who needs to know about the good news of the resurrection of Jesus? Share with them!