

RISE UP

Group Discussion Questions | 1 Corinthians 15:12-23

1. When you were growing up, what were you taught about death and what happens after we die?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 15:12 -23 out loud. As you listen, which verse stands out to you the most and why?
3. Verse 17 says, "if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins."
 - Why is this?
 - What are the long-term implications for human-kind if Christ has not been raised from the dead?
4. Being a Resurrected People begins with placing our faith, trust, and hope in Jesus Christ. If you feel comfortable, briefly share your story of how you came to Christ.
5. Read our Scripture passage below. It has been modified from the original verbiage Paul used to a more encouraging tone. Does hearing the passage in this tone strike you differently? Why or why not?

¹² It is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, so how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ For there is a resurrection of the dead, therefore even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And because Christ has been raised, our preaching is useful and so is your faith. ¹⁵ More than that, we are then found to be true witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. God did raise Christ and so the dead are also raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are raised, then Christ has been raised also. ¹⁷ And if Christ has been raised, your faith is not futile; you are no longer in your sins. ¹⁸ Also those who have fallen asleep in Christ are not lost. ¹⁹ Because we have hope in Christ for this life and for the life to come, we are of all people most to be envied.

²⁰ Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.

6. What questions are you still left with after studying this passage? How can you and/or your LifeGroup take some steps in exploring answers to those questions?