

RISE UP

Group Discussion Questions | 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

1. Read 1 Corinthians 15:50–58. What does Paul say will happen to believers who have died when the Lord appears?
2. There is one apparent problem remaining: what happens to those who are still alive when the Lord appears, since “we won’t all sleep” (v. 51)? What does Paul say about them?
3. How are we to understand the continuity between our lives now and our lives after death?
4. How does the analogy of sleep help us to understand death and resurrection?
5. What practical difference is the hope of resurrection to have in the lives of believers?
6. What is the most comforting thing there for you as you consider the reality of your own death?
7. You might think, after a spectacular chapter like this one, that Paul would conclude by saying something like “So let’s rejoice at the wonderful hope we can look forward to!” But he doesn’t. What does he do instead in verse 58 and why?
8. Do you ever suspect that the work you are doing for the Lord is futile or too small to make a difference? How can verse 58 be an encouragement for you in those times?
9. What discovery have you made during this series that has given you hope and encouragement?
10. Based on these verses (and the entire chapter), how should we be praying?