



1 Corinthians 15:12-34

"The Centrality of the Resurrection"

Discussion Questions

INTRODUCTION

The resurrection of Jesus Christ and the future glorification of the people of God is central to everything that Christians believe. Without the resurrection, Jesus is a mere moral teacher, and not someone to be worshipped. But by the resurrection, Christians, through the work of God, overcome death and the grave.

DISCUSSION & APPLICATION

1. Why is confidence in the resurrection of Jesus important? Today, many people challenge this historic reality, what leads you to believe and embrace the truth of Jesus' victory? What challenges to this truth have you experienced?¹
2. The Gospel is Good News, not Good Advice. How does this good news transform your life? Why do some people reduce the Gospel to moral teachings or good advice rather than embracing the Good News of Jesus' victory?
3. Read Mark 9:19-24². Do you struggle with doubt? As Christians, we want to have a faith that pursues truth. What areas of understanding and believing have you struggled with?
4. Christ's victory over the grave is ultimate and complete. How does this victory shape your struggles with sin? How does Jesus' victory change how you view the death of others? How does the resurrection shape your drive to share the Gospel with your coworkers, neighbors and friends?

Prayer

Pray for the struggles and trials that you are going through as a group. Remember, God is not scared of your doubts and challenges, seek him to gain understanding and clarity.

¹ For a strong apologetic defense of the resurrection, read this article by William Lane Craig: <http://www.reasonablefaith.org/the-resurrection-of-jesus>

² A Devotional on struggling with doubt: <http://www.desiringgod.org/articles/help-my-unbelief>