



God's Church (Week 16/18: If the dead are NOT raised!)

Small Group Discussion Questions

Warm-Up

1. What do you think most Australians believe happens after death?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

2. What does Paul mean by *reminding them of the Gospel which he preached*?
3. What are the contents of the Gospel as Paul describes them here?
4. What did Adam say about the origin of these words? How does this give us certainty?
5. What changed Paul's perspective about Jesus?
6. How does recognising Jesus' resurrection as an event, increase your certainty of the future?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-22

7. What, according to Paul, is the connection between Jesus' resurrection and ours?
8. Why is the bodily resurrection and our future resurrection so central to Christianity?
9. If Jesus was not raised from the dead, what are the implications for us in ministry, life, and future?
10. What is meant by Jesus' resurrection being the firstfruits? What does it mean for us?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:23-34

11. If someone believes that death will ultimately win out, why wouldn't we just "eat and drink"?
12. What does it mean to live in recognition of Jesus' resurrection and in anticipation of his return?
13. How is Jesus' resurrection and coming return such good news for our world today?

Apply *What is one priority in your life that is shaped by the certainty of future physical resurrection?*

Pray *Gracious Father, we thank you for the certain news of Jesus' resurrection and the guarantee of our future resurrection that it brings. Please help us to live in accordance with this reality. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

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On Your Front Line this Week

Pray for the people on your frontline. Who might be one person you could invite along to Alpha?

For Families

- VIDEO (for Kids): God's Story: After the Tomb: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VyA4xoi70zU>
- Download some of the family resources to use at home: stbartskids.org

Listen, Watch, and Read

- SHORT BOOK: "Why Believe Jesus' Resurrection" by James Dunn: <https://www.amazon.com.au/WhyBelieve-Jesus-Resurrection-Guidance/dp/0281076588>
- AUDIO: 1 Corinthians 15 by William Taylor
Verses 1-11: <https://www.st-helens.org.uk/resources/talk/9493/>
Verses 15-20: <https://www.st-helens.org.uk/resources/talk/9470/>
Verses 20-34: <https://www.st-helens.org.uk/resources/talk/9482/>
- BOOK: "Raise Forever" by Rory Shiner: <https://www.librarycat.org/lib/stbart/item/179055118>
- BOOK: "Resurrection" by N T Wright: <https://bit.ly/3zwBtZ3>
- PODCAST EPISODE: "Easter Myths" by John Dickson: <https://undeceptions.com/podcast/easter-myths>
- ARTICLE: "Did Jesus rise from the dead" by John Dickson: <https://undeceptions.com/library/did-jesusrise-from-the-dead>

Series Resources:

Some helpful resources for this series:

- St Bart's Series Overview: <https://bit.ly/37mixzC>
- Website: "First Corinthians" by the Bible Project: <https://bibleproject.com/learn/1-corinthians/>
- Course: "1 Corinthians" as part of the Ridley Certificate (6-week online course): stbarts.com.au/ridley
- For Families: Bookmark Reading Plan for Families (Weeks 1-9): <https://bit.ly/3uoz4gs>
- Access relevant books in the St Bart's Library: www.librarycat.org/lib/stbart/search/tag/1+Corinthians