



# Small Group Discussion Questions

- Read 1 Corinthians 15

## **Kid Questions**

- Why do you think we celebrate Easter?
- What do you think heaven will be like?

## **Group Questions**

- After hearing the message, reading the passage and doing the quiet time, what things stuck out to you? Do you have any questions about the passage?
- How has the gift of God's grace changed your life? Share with your group.
- What do you think heaven will be like? Take some time to discuss among your group.
- Often during the Easter season people are more open to spiritual things. Pray with your group about ways God would lead you reach out during this season.

# DAY ONE

## Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-10

*Have you been a follower of Christ for awhile? I've been a follower of Christ for 27 years. That's a long time. If I'm honest with myself, there have been times in those 27 years where I have lost sight of the beauty and simplicity of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Gospel (good news) in it's purest sense is that Jesus, the Son of God died for the sins of mankind and on the third day rose again to conqueror death and sin. That is REALLY good news. It means that not only I, but all of mankind can be reconciled to God and have an abundant life and relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Sometimes though, we add all sorts of responsibilities and obligations on top of the beauty of the gospel and in the process lose our joy.*

In 1 Corinthians 15, the Apostle Paul reminds us of the beauty of the Gospel and God's work in His life. It's a beautiful and important reminder as we intentionally celebrate Jesus' resurrection during the Easter season.

### REFLECT

- How has your life changed since you received the gospel?
- How has the gift of God's grace changed your life?
- In what areas have you lost the joy of your salvation?

### RESPOND

- Take some time to invite God to renew the joy of your salvation.
- Take some time to pray about who you could share your story with this week.

*Lord, remind my of the joy of the gospel. Help me to see with your eyes. Renew in me the joy, and passion of when I first heard your good news. Give me the encouragement, joy and passion to share that with others who do not yet know you. Amen*

# DAY TWO

## Read 1 Corinthians 15:11-21

*What makes the gospel of Jesus such good news? He ROSE FROM THE DEAD! No other religious leader has conquered death, only Jesus! The resurrection is the greatest promise of hope we have as believers. However, many times we may fall into the trap of forgetting the significance of that hope. Or perhaps, just as bad, we rest in our own hope but don't share it with others.*

In today's passage the Apostle Paul reminds us of the power of the resurrection. It is the basis of our entire faith. Without it, we would be believing in another great religious leader. With it, we have the power of the Living God!

### REFLECT

- We have an enemy that longs to destroy our hope. Are there some areas in your life where you have given up hope?

### RESPOND

- Take some time to surrender those areas back to God in the confidence of His resurrection.

*Lord, thank you for dying for my sins. Thank you for raising again and conquering death. Help me to truly understand the hope that I have in you.  
Amen*

# DAY THREE

## Read 1 Corinthians 15:22-28

*It's so easy to get caught up in the craziness of life isn't it? Often, I go to bed with things still on my list that need to get done that are rolled over to the next day. It's hard to make time for all of the responsibilities and obligations we have. How do we prioritize our lives? Our lives are full of all sorts of "good" things, but even those can become overwhelming.*

In this passage Paul points us to Christ's return. He points us to the fact that even now, God is working out the details. There will come a day when Christ returns and conquers the evil of this world and calls us up and establishes His Kingdom.

Philippians 3:20-21 reminds us, *"But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself."*

Our knowledge of Christ's imminent return and our citizenship in Heaven should shape how we live today. Are we living our lives focused on eternity?

### REFLECT

- Take some time to consider how often you plan your day, tasks and activities with eternity in mind?

### RESPOND

- Take some time to align your schedule, priorities, and tasks with eternity and the imminent return of Jesus Christ in mind.

*Lord, help me live with urgency for your Kingdom. Help me to live with allegiance to my true citizenship in Heaven. Amen*

# DAY FOUR

## Read 1 Corinthians 15:34-49

*My kids often ask me what heaven will be like or what we will look like in heaven. Apart from a few portions of scripture there aren't a lot of very specific answers to those questions, at least not that my kids are satisfied with. One thing we do know from this passage is that our heavenly bodies are made after the heavenly man Jesus. It's fun to explore scripture and imagine what heaven will be like.*

### REFLECT

- Take some time to think, research and pray about what Heaven will be like. Imagine being with God. What feelings come over you? What questions come up in your mind? (*Write them down*)

### RESPOND

- Take some time to pray though the feelings you wrote down. If you felt feelings of joy and peace, then praise God. If you felt feelings of fear or shame, then press into that. Why are you feeling what you're feeling? Are you hiding from God in some area?

*Lord, thank you for giving me a life eternal. Overwhelm me with the joy of your presence and the anticipation of being in heaven with you. Amen*

# DAY FIVE

## Read 1 Corinthians 15:50-54

From Genesis to Revelation, we are warned that “it is later than you think.” Paul writes to Christians in Romans 13:11–12: *“The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.”*

There are millions of people around the world who do not have peace at this moment because they have never found the secret of peace. Some of them may have riches today as a result of greed and covetousness; but their souls are lean, their hearts are cold toward God, their consciences are dulled, and their minds are blinded. They need to know that there is a God of marvelous love who sent His Son Jesus Christ to this world. And as a demonstration of His mercy, Christ—who is the Prince of Peace—went to the cross to make a way for peace between God and mankind. –BGEA

### REFLECT

- Are you living in the reality of Jesus’ victory over death?
- Are you living your life with the return of Christ in mind?
- In what tangible ways can you share that victory with others so that they, too, can have life?

### RESPOND

- Take some time to pray for specific people in your life that you can share the good news with.

*Lord, give me a burden for the lost around me. Help me be bold in sharing the gospel with others. Help create opportunities to love others well. Amen*

