

## SESSION EIGHT

# Resurrection of the Dead

### Lesson Summary

"If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied." Throughout 1 Corinthians, Paul has talked about a lot of the practical issues we face on a day-to-day basis. But near the end of the letter, he wants to remind us that the Christian hope is not about making things better in this life. Christianity is focused on the future, the life to come, the resurrection of the dead.

### Appointed Scripture

This week, read and discuss **1 Corinthians 15:1-11**. In verse 1 Paul says that he wants to "remind" the Corinthians of the gospel. Why would he need to remind them? Why might we need to be reminded today? What stands out to you about the way Paul summarizes the gospel? What things seem to be most important to him?

### Group Discussion Questions

1. What was one point from this week's teaching that stood out to you?
2. In the 1830's, Alexis de Tocqueville observed that American Christians tend to focus their attention on finding happiness in this life. How do you see that tendency today? Why do we focus so much on our hopes for this life (rather than the life to come)? What might Paul say to us?
3. How often (or how rarely) do you think about the promise of resurrection? When you do think about it, how does it make you feel?
4. What would you say to a friend or neighbor who asked you why it matters whether Jesus rose from the dead? Why should it matter to them?
5. Discuss this quote by Wolfhart Pannenberg: "The evidence for Jesus's resurrection is so strong that nobody would question it except for two things: First, it is a very unusual event. And second, if you believe it happened, you have to change the way you live."
6. What is your biggest takeaway from this study of the book of 1 Corinthians? What makes this letter important for us today?

### Group Prayer & Assigned Reading

Spend some time sharing prayer requests with one another and end in prayer.