

Third Day | 1 Corinthians 15:1-34 2022 Spring #2 - 4/10/22

My Story Questions

These questions/activities help the group know one another and transition to deeper discussion. Choose one.

- 1) Tell of a favorite memory or tradition at Easter.
- 2) Tell of a time you had a long wait for something special.

Study Questions

These are meant for personal preparation and group discussion. Use all or pick a few to discuss.

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

- 1) Deliverance on the third day is a theme in scripture that culminates with the empty tomb.(Matt. 12:39-41). How have you experienced waiting on God to bring deliverance?
- 2) What does it look like for believers to live in the “third day”reality? See Col.3:1-17
- 4) Paul gives two arguments for Jesus’ resurrection; scripture and eyewitness accounts. What makes James, the brother of Jesus. such a compelling eyewitness?
- 5) How were these eyewitnesses changed after seeing the resurrected Jesus?(Compare John 20:19 with Mark 16:20)
- 6) How are you calling me to change in light of being part of your redemption story?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-23

- 7) What is Paul's main argument to show that we will surely be resurrected after death?
- 8)How does the description of Jesus as the first fruit of a harvest illustrate this truth?
- 9) Read John 11:25, 1John 5:12-13 Do you have any doubt about your own resurrection?
- 10)According to verse 23 when will our complete resurrection happen?
- 11) Many things are listed here as happening after his return. Which means the most to you? a) All enemies being under His feet b) Death being destroyed c) God be all in all.
- 12) Is there anything in the passage that could comfort people as they face the reality of death?

Read 1 Corinthians 15: 20-34

- 13) Paul says living in the third day reality allows him to hold life loosely and take risks for the kingdom. When has the fact of your resurrection enabled you to take risks?
- 14) Paul also warns that without the conviction of resurrection some will “live for today” and become self indulgent. What verses give this warning?

Responding to Jesus

Offer these questions for personal reflection before your group prayer time.

- 1) Lord, “How would you like me to live differently in light of the third day reality?”