

Third Day | 1 Corinthians 15:58

2022 Spring #3 - 4/17/22

My Story Questions

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

- 1) If you had to eat the same meal everyday for the rest of your life, what would it be?
- 2) What is the best piece of advice you have ever received?

Study Questions

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

Read 1 Corinthians 15:35-58

- 1) Notice the word, "Therefore" (vs 58) and summarize a few points from Paul's argument in chapter 15.
- 2) Why is the resurrection the central part of the gospel?
- 3) How is sin the sting of death and how was its power removed? See Hebrews 9:27, Romans 6:23
- 4) Paul challenges Christians to be steadfast regarding the resurrection. What words are used in other translations?
- 5) What kinds of trials tend to shake the faith of believers? What kinds of things help us to stay steadfast?
- 6) What are your go-to verses when adversity hits?
- 7) How do you understand the phrase "always abounding in the work of the Lord"?
- 8) How could you imagine an accountant or a mechanic or a parent could use their positions for the Lord?
- 9) What tasks seem mundane in your life, how could you view them differently? Read Colossians 3:23 and 1 Corinthians 10:31
- 10) Paul describes work for the Lord as labor. What is the difference between work and labor?
- 11) Why would Paul use the term labor when describing his work for the Lord? Would you use that term for your service?
- 12) When have you seen others doing "labor" for God?
- 13) Paul says our labor is not in vain yet, we do not always see the results from our service. Name some Bible characters who seem insignificant and yet their story has been repeated for 2000 years.
- 14) Who are the people that will be most impacted by your life? How can you pray for greater influence?
- 15) How do these verses show our work is not in vain. John 15:5-7 and 2 Corinthians 9:8?

Responding to Jesus

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

- 1) Lord, "How central is the resurrection in my faith? How would you like my thinking to change?"
- 2) Lord, "Am I busy for my own purposes or for yours?"
- 3) Lord, "Do I shy away from service for you that seems too difficult?"