

OUR RESURRECTION BODIES

1 Corinthians 15:35-58

Ice Breaker: What do you think it will be like to live in heaven?

BACKGROUND: As Paul nears the end of his letter to the Corinth church, he is bringing the Corinthians *back* to what matters most, back to the reason for their faith and the hope that we live in and for as Christians, back to Jesus and what it means to be in Christ and the hope we have in Him!

THE BIG PICTURE: We receive a glimpse of what we have to look forward to in this eternal life to come if we are in Christ and remain in Him.

DIGGING DEEPER:

OUR RESURRECTION BODY 1 Corinthians 15:35-41

- Throughout 1 Corinthians, Paul is addressing questions that the Corinthian church most likely sent to him. What questions are Paul answering here (vv35-36)? How does he react? Why? What practical problem makes it difficult for some people to believe in the resurrection of the body?
- What analogies does Paul use to deal with these objections (vv36-41)? What does this teach you about your resurrected body?

NATURAL BODY VS SPIRITUAL BODY 1 Corinthians 15:42-44

- Compare our present bodies with our resurrection bodies. How are they similar? different? What are some of the limitations of our physical bodies? What will our resurrected bodies be like?

ADAM VS JESUS — SIN BEGINNING VS SIN CONQUERER 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

- What is the point of the comparison between Adam and Jesus? What does it mean for us that Jesus is the "last Adam"? What can we say about this spiritual body?

WHEN WILL WE GET OUR RESURRECTED BODIES? 1 Corinthians 15:50-53

- What is the significance of the events Paul discusses here? What will happen when Jesus returns? (Also see 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

THE END OF DEATH + THE STING OF DEATH FOR NONBELIEVERS 1 Co 15:54-57

- What will it mean for death to be swallowed up in victory? How is death defeated? In what way is Christ's victory over death essential to our faith?
- What is the relation between sin and death? How do we receive victory over sin and death?

LET THE TRUTH CHANGE US AND OTHERS 1 Corinthians 15:58

- How does Paul encourage us to live? How does this truth change your life? affect the way you live?

CONCLUSION:

- What is the most comforting thing here for you as you consider the reality of your own death? What is the hardest for you to understand?
- What proof do you see that there is life after death? that believers will receive a heavenly body?
- How can I know for certain that I will be raised with Christ?