

Sermon: The Resurrection of Jesus Christ.
Series: Easter.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:1-28.
Date: March 31, 2024

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about us?

- a) Do you struggle to believe in the resurrection of Jesus? Review 15:5-11. What argument is Paul making for the resurrection? (For further discussion: Why would the conversion of Paul specifically be such a strong argument for the truth of the resurrection of Christ?)
- b) Look at 15:16-19. Why is a life without a resurrection “pitiful?” In what ways does the truth of the resurrection help to give your life meaning and purpose now, not just in the future?

2. What does this passage teach us about God?

- a) Read 15:20-28. How has God the Father been honoring the Son since his resurrection? How is Christ using his resurrection to honor and glorify God the Father?
- b) How do you think we, the Church, fit into this relationship between the Father and the Son? (Notice verse 28 – is God our all in all?)

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

- a) Look at 1 Corinthians 15:1-4. How does Paul define the gospel? Why is it so important that the Christian gospel be seen as an event (good news) and not just good advice or good teaching?
- b) Read verse 23 again. Christ’s resurrection was the first-fruits, but we are the full harvest. This means that even physically we will be like Jesus one day. How should this truth impact how you use your physical body today?

APPLICATION

- a) Read 1 Corinthians 15:58. How does the truth of the resurrection empower our steadfast, unmovable, abounding work of the Lord? Where do you see yourself abounding in the Lord’s work by his grace?

PRAYER

- Acknowledge God’s sovereignty as all in all.
- Confess ways that you have failed to let the resurrection add meaning to your life.
- Thank Jesus for sharing his resurrection with us.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to empower you to be steadfast, unmovable, and abounding in the Lord’s work.