

Small Group Guide: Skeletons in the Closet #The Resurrection of Jesus

Ice Breaker Question

Read 1st Corinthians 15

Did anything stick out to you in the passage or during the weekend message?

Why do we consistently need to be reminded of the Gospel?

When it comes to arguments for the truth of the resurrection, which is most compelling for you personally?

How does the resurrection address the fear of death? See Hebrews 2:14,15

On Sunday Pastor Chris gave three reasons why the Resurrection is important, all based on the writing of the apostle Paul. They were listed as follows:

First, *“If Christ has not been raised your faith is futile, you are still in your sins.” Christ has been raised, so your faith is secure, you are forgiven of your sins.*

Second, *“If Christ hasn’t been raised...then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the fruit fruits of those who have fallen asleep.” Christ is the first fruit of the general resurrection. We will receive a resurrection body like Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit and nothing longer subject to death, disease or decay. And those who have died in Christ are not lost; they are waiting for us on the other side.*

Third, *“therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourself fully to the work of the lord, because you know your labour for the Lord is not in vain.” (1st Corinthians 15:58)*

Which of these three truths is the greatest source of encouragement for you in this season of life?

Can you list any other reasons why the resurrection is important?