

# **1 Corinthians 15:50-58 Discussion Questions**

## **Discussion Supplement to April 9-10, 2022, Sermon**

- 1) How comfortable is your group discussing the subject of death and dying? How was the subject of death and mortality discussed in your families growing-up? In your opinion, were those conversations healthy?
- 2) Paul explains that our bodies (in their current form) cannot inherit the Kingdom of God (verse 50). Earlier, in 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, he stated that those who do evil are also unfit for eternity. It appears then that 2 types of transformation are needed for us to be eligible for heaven: character transformation (sanctification) and bodily transformation (resurrection/glorification). What is the Holy Spirit doing in you currently to make you fit for heaven? What is he “taking away” and what is he “putting on” in terms of your character? See Galatians 5:16-26. How can group members support each other in this process?
- 3) Jason theorized that the presence of God in the New Heavens and New Earth (Revelation 21:1-5) is part of the reason we will need new bodies. Did you find his theory compelling? Why or why not? What other clues in 1 Cor. 15 does Paul give on the *reasons* behind our need for a new body?
- 4) The climax of 1 Corinthians is the declaration of death’s defeat (vv. 54-57). To what degree do you live in fear of death and its effects (sickness, disease, aging, etc.)? If Jesus really has defeated the grave (and you really believe it!) what should change about the way you live your life day-in and day-out? Consider some other passages that teach on this theme.
  - a. Matthew 16:24-26
  - b. Philippians 1:21-23
  - c. Matthew 10:26-31