

## “The Resurrection Changes Everything”

New Day Church

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1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Use this guide as a tool to help you prepare to experience spiritual transformation in a practical way. It is a **flexible guide** that will help you discover, own, and apply the truths of God’s Word.

### Message Summary

When Paul arrived in Corinth he discovered Greek pagans who believed the body was a temporal being and the spirit was eternal. Everything changed when Paul preached the Gospel to them. They believed. They were changed. The church in Corinth was birthed. Their lives were radically transformed by the power of the Gospel! Over the years questions, concerns, and even turmoil arose within the church at Corinth. Therefore, Paul wrote a letter, 1 Corinthians, to address many issues within the life of this young church. Paul reminded them in chapter 15 of the truth that forever changed their lives. He reminded them of the facts of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

There were some among them that promoted the false idea that the physical body would not be resurrected. Therefore Paul took in hand to discuss this issue. To do so he began with the best example of resurrection – the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Paul explained that the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus forms the foundation of the Gospel, it’s the most important disciple-making truth, and that to believe this truth had forever implications for their lives.

The same is true for us today. To believe the Gospel message that Jesus lived a perfect life, died a criminal’s death for our sin, was buried, and rose again the third day to prove he has power over death and hell forever changes your life. Not only is it of first importance to gain eternal life but it is of first importance in your daily life. Further, to believe in the resurrection is to know the best news for anyone living today. This good news is of utmost importance to everyone in our world. Without it people have no hope. Without it people perish. Therefore, it’s our calling to proclaim this truth to the whole world.

As you prepare to meet with your Missional Community this week examine this passage again. Also read through the remainder of 1 Corinthians 15 in order to understand the implications of Paul’s argument in this passage. Be prepared to discuss your belief in the resurrection and how that affects your life today. Has your life changed since believing the resurrection? It should. Because the resurrection changes everything!

### Message Outline

Three facts about the Resurrection:

1. The Resurrection is foundational to Gospel transformation. (1-2)  
Two elements of the Gospel:
  - Jesus died as a substitute for your sin.
  - Jesus rose again and lives guaranteeing your Resurrection.The Gospel...
  - Was delivered to us.
  - Was received by us.
  - Sustains us.
  - Saves us through:
    - Faith.
    - Repentance.
2. The Resurrection is of primary importance in disciple-making. (3-5)
  - Jesus’ burial authenticated His death.
  - Jesus’ appearances authenticated His Resurrection.
3. The Resurrection has implications for our lives. (6-11)
  - To deny the Resurrection is to deny the crucifixion.
  - To affirm the Resurrection is to affirm your calling to proclaim the Resurrection.

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### **Group Discussion**

Use the following questions to help make application of God’s Word to your Head (What God wants me to know), to your Heart (What God wants me to desire/value), and to your Hands (What God wants me to do).

In regard to 1 Corinthians 15:1-11:

1. What does this passage say about God’s character?
2. What is God doing here? How does this passage fit in the overall narrative of the Bible?
3. What is God saying about me?
4. Where am I not living by faith? How do I return to faith?
5. How should I practice this in everyday life?

### **Weekly Prayer Focus**

- **Church:**

- Pray that all who have believed the Gospel will obey Jesus in believer’s baptism.
- Pray for new relationships that will lead to Gospel conversations.
- Pray for the elders as they lead us to accomplish the mission.
- Pray for the Missional Communities to impact their communities with the Gospel.
- Pray for Missional Communities to multiply into new neighborhoods.
- Pray for new DNA groups to start.

- **Local:**

- Pray that God would burden us with the lostness in our cities, neighborhoods, and at work.
- Pray that God will identify 5 people you can begin to invest in and engage with the Gospel.

- **Global:**

- Pray that God would give you a heart for the nations.
- Pray for the team working in SEA, the new believers, for those who have heard the Gospel, and the church planting movement among the unreached.
- Pray for Good Shepherd Ministries and Bill & Sandy Younger.
- Pray for Servants Hearts Ministries and Bob & Georgette Kornegay.
- Pray for Pastor Abraham and his church in Guatemala.