



Vital Christianity

1 Cor 15:12-20

INTRODUCTION

Paul explains the evidence and the importance of the Resurrection of Jesus

INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore please use it as tool that best fits the needs of your small group.

OPENING DISCUSSION

- What was the most interesting idea/concept about Sunday's sermon?

REVIEW

- Have someone read **1 Cor 15:12-20**
- Why did Jesus appear to so many people after being raised from the dead?
- Why do you believe that the man Jesus rose from the dead?
- What is the result if Jesus is not raised from the dead?
- Why must Jesus be raised in order for our sins to be forgiven (**1 Cor 15:17**)?
- Discuss what is meant by Jesus being the "first fruits" of those who have fallen asleep (**1 Cor 15:20**)?

APPLICATION

- How would you answer the person who said, "If Christianity works for you, that's fine; but it isn't for me"?
- Why is it important to base your faith on truth rather than on "what Jesus can do for you"?
- How can Jesus' resurrection help us overcome the accusations of our sinfulness?
- How can Jesus' resurrection keep you immovable (**1 Cor 15:58**)? Does it?
- How do our priorities and values shift when we recognize we shall live forever? What needs to change in your life for you not to waste the time that God has given you on this earth?

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs?