



LifeGroup Discussion Packet

“Live Like There’s More Than This Life”

1 Corinthians 15

November 15 and 16, 2025

Attached...

1. Discussion Questions: Long study (page 2-6)
2. Discussion Questions: Short study (page 7)
3. Five Day Devotional Guide (page 8-10)

Notice to LifeGroup Leaders

Based on the needs of your group, use either long or short study

LifeGroup Discussion Guide

(Long Study)

Question #1

"Christianity [is] not symbolic. Not sentimental. [It is] supernatural" (Pastor T.K. Anderson). If the gospel that Paul preached (**2 Tim. 2:8-9**) is the *Good News that saves you* (**1 Cor. 15:2**), what would you say are the three elements in this gospel (**vv. 3-4**)?

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 (NLT)

¹ Let me now remind you, dear brothers and sisters, of the Good News I preached to you before. You welcomed it then, and you still stand firm in it. ² It is this Good News that saves you if you continue to believe the message I told you—unless, of course, you believed something that was never true in the first place. ³ I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. ⁴ He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said.

2 Timothy 2:8-9 (ESV)

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, ⁹ for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound!

Write your answer here:

Question #2

Jesus gave Himself for our sins (**Gal. 1:4**), bore our sins (**1 Pet. 2:24**), and He was pierced for our transgressions (**Is. 53:5**). R.C. Sproul, in quoting Martin Luther, has leaned heavily on the idea that we as Christians are *Simul Justus et Peccator* (simultaneously just and sinner). Paul said he was the foremost of sinners (**1 Tim. 1:15**). How do you view yourself, as a sinner saved by grace or both a saint and a sinner? A saint who sometimes sins? What is your view?

Galatians 1:3-5 (ESV)

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵ to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 2:24 (ESV)

²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed.

Isaiah 53:4-6 (ESV)

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to His own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

1 Timothy 1:15 (ESV)

¹⁵ The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

Write your answer here:

Question #3

“[The Resurrection] doesn’t just promise eternal life someday, it transforms your identity today...If Christ is your foundation...your hope is not tethered to this world, it’s anchored to the next” (Pastor T.K. Anderson). What makes the resurrection of Jesus so foundational to our faith? Explain why the elimination of this concept would undermine the entirety of the Christian faith. Or would it?

1 Corinthians 15:13-14 (NLT)

¹³ For if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless.

1 Corinthians 15:15-17 (ESV)

¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

1 Thessalonians 4:14 (ESV)

¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

Acts 2:24 (ESV)

²⁴ God raised Him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for Him to be held by it.

Write your answer here:

Question #4

"The Resurrection of Jesus isn't just about your future home, it's about your present hope. When you know your eternity is secure, you start living with courage instead of fear" (Pastor T.K. Anderson). Is there a conflict between death resulting from the wages of sin (**Rom. 6:23**) and being in Christ and never dying (**Jn. 11:25-26**)? How can we put hope in the fact that we will rise from the dead one day (**1 Cor. 15:19-20**)? On what basis can we be justified before God (**Rom. 5:18**)?

1 Corinthians 15:19-20 (NLT)

¹⁹ And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world. ²⁰ But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died.

Romans 5:15-18 (ESV)

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.

John 11:25-26 (ESV)

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

Romans 6:23 (ESV)

²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Write your answer here:

Question #5

Why would approaching life from the perspective of 'Let's live it up!' or 'You only live once!' or even as Paul puts it, 'Let's feast and drink, for tomorrow we die!' (**1 Cor. 15:32**) be the wrong attitude to have for those who have been redeemed and have been granted eternal life? Would living such a life show that one really doesn't know God at all (**v. 34**)?

1 Corinthians 15:32-34 (NLT)

³² And what value was there in fighting wild beasts—those people of Ephesus—if there will be no resurrection from the dead? And if there is no resurrection, "Let's feast and drink, for tomorrow we die!" ³³ Don't be fooled by those who say such things, for "bad company corrupts good character." ³⁴ Think carefully about what is right, and stop sinning. For to your shame I say that some of you don't know God at all.

Write your answer here:

Question #6

What is meant by *perishable* and *imperishable* (1 Cor. 15:42)? What is a *natural body* and a *spiritual body* (v. 44)? What does any of this have to do with our resurrection or immortality (v. 53)? How would you explain what the future holds for us, using Paul's language of our earthly existence being like a *tent* and the heavenly future being like a *house* not made with hands (2 Cor. 5:1-2)?

1 Corinthians 15:42-45 (ESV)

⁴² So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

1 Corinthians 15:50, 53 (ESV)

⁵⁰ I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable...⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

2 Corinthians 5:1-4 (ESV)

¹ For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ² For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³ if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴ For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

Write your answer here:

Question #7

"When you truly believe Jesus walked out of the grave, you can't just keep that news to yourself. The resurrection is too big, too powerful, too personal to stay quiet" (Pastor T.K. Anderson). The Resurrection of Jesus is a big deal! It is the down payment on a secured future for us. What can you do today to *work enthusiastically for the Lord* (**1 Cor. 15:58**), knowing He prepared good works for which we are to perform (**Eph. 2:10**)?

1 Corinthians 15:57-58 (NLT)

⁵⁷ But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸ So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.

Ephesians 2:10 (ESV)

¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Write your answer here:

LifeGroup Discussion Guide (Short Study)

Opening Question (*Warm-Up*)

- When you were growing up, what did you believe happened after you died?
- How has your understanding of eternity changed over the years?

Into the Bible

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

- Why does Paul call the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus the "most important" part of the gospel?
- What happens to our faith if the resurrection isn't true?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:20-23 - Paul says Jesus is the "first of a great harvest."

- What does this teach us about our future physical resurrection?
- How does this promise affect how you face fear, suffering, or loss?

Discussion & Application

Pastor Todd talked about how many people believe God can do great things, just not for them.

- Where have you struggled with this "Imposter Syndrome" mindset spiritually?
- How does the resurrection speak directly to those doubts?

The message described how resurrection hope changes the way we live in the present.

- Which of these stood out most to you?
 - Faith over fear
 - Generosity over greed
 - Forgiving instead of holding grudges
 - Serving instead of spectating

Share a recent moment when resurrection hope helped (or could have helped) shape your response.

Read 1 Corinthians 15:58 - Paul says nothing we do for the Lord is ever useless.

- Why is that hard to believe sometimes?
- In what area of your life do you need to "be strong and immovable" right now?

Pastor Todd shared the stories of the Chilean miners and Edward Kimball.

- How do these stories challenge you to share the hope of Jesus with others?
- Who is one person in your life who might be waiting for your courage?

This Week's Challenge - This week, share the hope of Jesus with one person.
As a group, identify the names of people God is placing on your hearts.

Pray for boldness, wisdom, and opportunities to have a meaningful conversation or give an invitation.

Prayer Time

Take a moment to pray over each group member by name, asking God to...

- Strengthen their faith with resurrection confidence
- Give peace in areas of anxiety or uncertainty
- Empower them to share the hope of Jesus with courage and compassion
- Magnify Christ through their choices, conversations, and conduct this week

Five Day Devotional Guide

November 17-21, 2025

Day 1: The Resurrection of Jesus is Central to the Faith

1 Corinthians 15:13-14

¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain. (NASB)

The Resurrection is so essential for Christian faith that we must return to the main thing: Christ. So, many times we consider what our future with God will be, almost taking it for granted that if we believe, then our future is secured. And though it is, the *only* reason it is a certainty is because it is *certain* that Christ Himself led the way *first* by conquering death! Our belief means absolutely *nothing* if Christ is still buried.

Reflection: Heavenly Father, today gear our hearts and minds to ponder the magnificent power the Son put on display when He rose from the dead. Today I meditate on my Savior's priceless words in **John 10:18**; "*No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father.*"

Day 2: The Resurrection of Jesus Christ: The First fruits

1 Corinthians 15:20-23

²⁰ But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. ²¹ For since by a man *came* death, by a man also *came* the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming, (NASB)

Jesus is our exemplar, He is our model, He is our pioneer, He is our King. He goes before us, marking the path, moving away all stones that might have otherwise blocked the way to the Father. Because He lives, we shall live. No one goes to the Father, except through Him (**Jn. 14:6**)!

Reflection: The preeminence belongs to Jesus, and so today I reflect upon the words of Paul, who recognized Jesus as being the centerpiece of *all* creation: *He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.* (**Col. 1:17-18**).

Day 3: The Resurrection of Human Beings: The Redeemed

1 Corinthians 15:51-54

⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable must put on the

imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory. (NASB)

While it is a given that all people must face death, and succumb to it (**Heb. 9:27**), it only those in Christ who shall rise victorious (**1 Cor. 15:54**)! There is literally no escape from death...and for many, fear is part of this inevitable result. However, as believers in Christ, we have the *comfort* of knowing that even our own Master died...and *yet* rose again!

Reflection: Amen and hallelujah! This is our future. We shall be *Death Defeaters*! We have been *brought back* (redeemed) from the brink of utter destruction. Let us today echo the words of the Psalmist: *Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His lovingkindness is everlasting. Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the adversary and gathered from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south (Ps. 107:1-3).* Indeed, let the *redeemed* of the Lord say so!

Day 4: The Resurrection of Human Beings: The Unredeemed

John 5:28-29

²⁸ Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, ²⁹ and will come forth; those who did the good *deeds* to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil *deeds* to a resurrection of judgment. (NASB)

When we as the Church tend to think of the Resurrection, we many times think of ourselves and the joyous future we have in store with our Risen King. However, there will be *two resurrections*...one for the redeemed of God and one for those who will be eternally lost.

Reflection: Today, Lord, I pray for those who are presently not redeemed, that according to Your great mercy, You will work in them, according to Your desire that none would perish (**2 Pet. 3:9**). And yet, Mighty King, Your word stands firm that many will appear before Your Throne and be resurrected for the specific purpose of being cast into the lake of fire (**Rev. 20:11-15**).

Day 5: The Resurrection of All Creation

Romans 8:19-22

¹⁹ For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. (NASB)

When Adam and Eve fell in the Garden, they not only brought death upon themselves (and all humankind after them), but the Fall resulted in a wedge being created between God and all His Creation. Consider the words of the Apostle above; that there is an *anxious longing*...an *eager anticipation*...a *groaning and suffering* that the rest of Creation *feels, until* humanity is redeemed.

Reflection: And so, LORD God, ultimately everything must point back to and return to the purpose of which You created all things: To bring You glory. Man was put in the Garden to care

for it (**Gen. 2:15**) and Adam failed in this task. Yet in Your mercy and plan, *You* will be the *Gardener*. When You restore man, You will restore every creature and every plant to a state of loving care.