

# Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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## BIBLE PASSAGES - 1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 14-18

<sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed...

<sup>14</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

**Other Passages:** Matthew 27:11-15; John 20:27-29

**Connect:**

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

**Care:**

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

**Challenge:**

1. As a group, take some time to read the four eyewitness testimonies of the resurrection (Mt. 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-14; Luke 24:1-44; John 20:1-29). What details do they include? Why are these significant? Aaron mentioned that multiple eyewitnesses often provide different corroborating information. How do the different testimonies intersect?
2. Aaron mentioned Thomas's doubt of the resurrection (John 20:27-29). What is significant about Jesus' response to Thomas?
3. Have you experienced times of doubt in your faith? What has it looked like? How have you responded?
4. The disciples' confidence in the resurrection enabled them to go "All In" with their lives, without hesitation or reservation. What causes you to experience hesitation or reservation in your walk with Jesus?
5. As we continue in this series, we will think about intentional next steps in our walk with Jesus. As a group, begin praying about what God might be inviting you to do next (both as individuals and as a small group).

**Clarify:**

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

**Celebrate:**

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

**KEY TAKEAWAYS**