

Church in the Park: God's Beautiful Messy church
Week's Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-34
Discussion Guide: November 6, 2022

CHECK UP:

Memory Work Review: By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. -1 Corinthians 15:2

How did you hold tight to the gospel this past week?

OPEN:

- How do true beliefs impact the way someone lives? (if someone actually believes something, how does it impact how they live?)

READ and ASK: 1 Corinthians 15:12-34

- What were the Corinthians saying that Paul had issue with?
 - o Why is that such a significant problem?
 - o What reasons does Paul give?
- When have you ever doubted any of the truths of the gospel?
 - o What can you do when you doubt what the Bible teaches?
- What does it mean that Christianity is not based on a set of morals or rules, but on a real event in history?
- What hope does Jesus's resurrection provide for daily life?
 - o What challenge does Jesus's resurrection provide for daily life?
- NT Wright has said, "The resurrection is the foundation of the Christian counterculture." How is this true?
 - o In what ways should the resurrection cause Christians to view the world, and live in the world differently than the world?

APPLY:

- How does the resurrection challenge you to live radically different than the rest of the world?
 - o How have you ever associated closely with bad company that it corrupted your character?

- How do we balance between bad company corrupting our character, and being an influencer on other people?
 - Why is it important to limit time with people who want to distract you from your commitment to the gospel? (note: it was some apart of the church that were causing the corruption in Corinthian church)
 - How can even other Christians keep us from living “all in” for Christ?
- NEXT STEP: In what way do you need to be “all in” for Christ this week?

Memory Work:

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. - 1 Corinthians 15:20-21

Next Week's Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:35-58