

Church in the Park: God's Beautiful Messy church
Week's Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:35-58
Discussion Guide: November 13, 2022

CHECK UP:

Memory Work Review: But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits 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

In what way did the reality of the resurrection impact the way you lived this past week?

OPEN:

- What kinds of work or tasks do you do that feel like they are in vain?

READ and ASK: 1 Corinthians 15:35-58

- What stands out to you in this text?
 - o What questions do you have about this text?
- What sort of body will the resurrection produce?
 - o How will it be different than our earthly bodies?
- What difference does it make that death has been defeated by Christ?
- In what positive and negative ways should Christians regard death?
 - o How can a Christian grieve for someone's death while still holding on to the hope of resurrection?
- In what way do you think Paul was encouraging the Corinthians to stand firm?
 - o In what area of your Christian life has it been a struggle to stand firm?
- What makes our work for the Lord not in vain?
 - o What encouragement can we take from the fact that the work we do for the Lord is not in vain?

APPLY:

- In what ways could you show this week your thankfulness to Christ for His victory over death and sin?
- NEXT STEP: IN what specific ways do you need to be committed to the work of the Lord?

Memory Work:

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. – 1 Corinthians 15:56-57

Next Week's Reading:

(special study on heaven)