



# EASTER

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## COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

# Easter: What will you do with the resurrection?

### INTRODUCTION

This week during our celebration of Easter we looked at the Resurrection of Christ. The Scriptures show us that once we see that Christ has been raised we have two options: reject Him or worship Him. In this study guide we are going to take a closer look at the importance of the resurrection in Paul's letter to the Corinthian church.

### STUDY AND DISCUSSION

1. When think of Easter, what typically comes to mind?
2. What impacted you the most about the sermon this weekend?
3. Was there anything that you heard that you had never heard before?

### INVESTIGATING SCRIPTURE

A good way to study the Bible is by using three steps: Observation, Interpretation, and Application. We want to observe the passage first to get an idea of what is happening. Then we interpret the meaning of the passage so that we can apply it to our lives. The following questions will follow this pattern as we look through this Biblical passage.

## **Scripture: Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-28**

### Observation

1. According to Paul, what is “of first importance” in the Gospel?
2. What are some of the things Paul points to as proof of the resurrection?

### Interpretation

1. What does it mean for Jesus to be the “firstfruits” of those who have fallen asleep?
2. Why is the resurrection important according to Paul and what does it guarantee?
3. Why are we to be “pitied” if Christ has not been raised?
4. Paul sees Jesus’ resurrection as reversing Adam’s curse. How is this possible?

### Application

1. Why is it important to remember and celebrate the resurrection?
2. What does it look like to live as a Christian in the hope of the resurrection?
3. What areas of your life would change if you lived in hope of the resurrection?

## **PRAYER**

Prayer is an essential component of your life as a follower of Christ, and an integral part of any healthy church body. Divide up into groups of 2-3 people and use the following points to guide you through a time of prayer together.

*Psalm 20:6-8 - "Now I know that the Lord saves his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with the saving might of his right hand. Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God. They collapse and fall, but we rise and stand upright."*

God alone is our salvation and our strength. We do not need to trust in anything but our King. He is mighty to save and worthy to be praised. With this hope in mind, pray for:

1. The family of Mercy Church to grow in their trust in God's salvation.
2. The reality of the resurrection to be on the forefront of our minds as we minister in this world.
3. The people of Charlotte to come to know the saving grace of Christ.