



**Of First Importance: Alive & Risen
(1 Corinthians 15:12-34)**

1. Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-34 together. What phrases, concepts or words jump off the page because they are significant, confusing or even obscure. Discuss.
2. If you were to explain the Gospel to a non-Christian, what would be your primary point? Where should the balance be between Jesus' death vs his resurrection? Is resurrection even a good/final place to end in our Gospel explanation?
3. What do you make of verse 14? What's Paul's point and is he right? How might your earthly life look different if there were no resurrection? The quote from Isaiah 22:13 in verse 32 might help you gain an appropriate perspective. What about your life beyond the grave with a resurrection?
4. Do you ever have concerns that you might be a false witness? See verses 15-18. Are there ways we can assure ourselves that we are not?
5. Verse 19 suggests that if all we get out of Christ is a little inspiration for a few short years on earth, then we are to be pitied. Why so? In view of verse 19, why is verse 20 so encouraging?
6. Lots of people worry about death. Why is this so? Should Christian's worry about death given the words of verses 26-28? Honestly share your own thoughts and feelings about death, even your own.
7. Chris said that in the resurrection we find love, life, hope and power. How, if at all, have you found this to be true in your own journey of faith?
8. Every year we wrestle with setting the tone/mood of our Good Friday service. In view of our text, do you have a view about whether our mood should be reflective, sorrowful or celebratory or something else? Do Paul's words model a balance in 1 Corinthians 15?
9. Spend some time praying together that you would each experience the risen Christ this Eastertime.