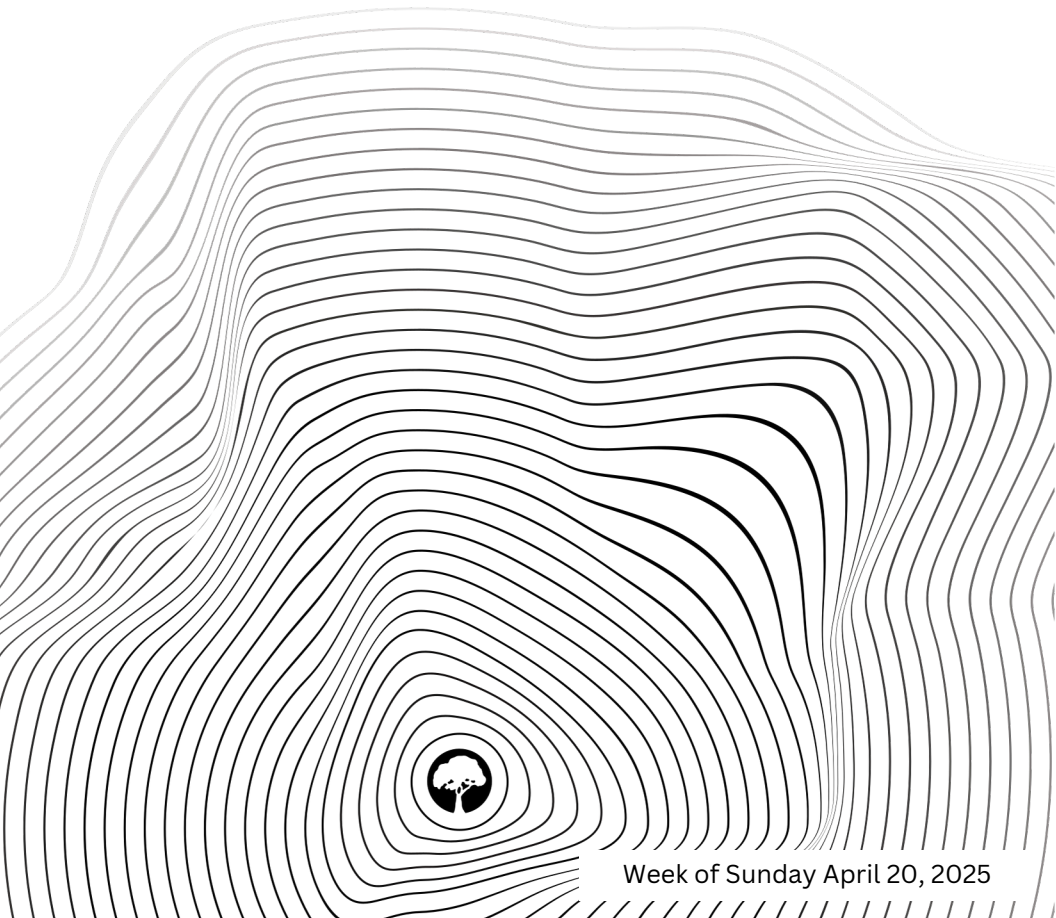


# GROUPS DISCUSSION GUIDE

Get Into The Word

*Leader Edition*



Week of Sunday April 20, 2025

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# Living out our God-given calling as we follow Jesus and make disciples every day.

## **Introduction**

As we celebrate Easter, we'll dive into the profound implications of Jesus' resurrection from 1 Corinthians 15:12-19. This passage challenges us to consider what our faith would mean if Christ had not risen. As we explore this, think about the foundations of your faith and how the resurrection impacts your daily life. Reflect on the trust and hope we place in Jesus and how that fortifies us during life's challenges. Let's discuss how this truth not only shapes our beliefs but also influences our actions and outlook on life.

## **Disciple Measure**

**Spirit-Led Follower:** What has been the focus of your time leading up to Easter, and what would you like to focus more time on going forward from Easter?

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# Discussion Questions

## Would You Die For A Lie

### HIGHLIGHT

*Have someone read aloud...*

[1 Corinthians 15:3-8 and 12-19](#)

### EXPLAIN

*Discuss the following questions...*

**Opening Question:** What is your most memorable Easter experience, and why?

1. Why do you think Paul emphasizes our hope in the resurrection of Christ to the Corinthians? Why do you think they needed to hear that, and why do you need to hear that?
2. The sermon talks about the apostles being either "crazy or convinced." What evidence in their lives supports the idea that they were convinced of the resurrection? (Examples: [Acts 12:2](#), [Acts 5:40-42](#))
3. The apostles suffered greatly for their belief in the resurrection. How does their willingness to endure hardship impact your view of their testimony?
4. How does the testimony of the 500 witnesses to the resurrected Christ strengthen the case for the historical truth of the resurrection?

# Application Questions

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## APPLY

Discuss the following questions...

1. Imagine a world where Jesus remained in the grave. How do you think this would impact your daily life and decisions?
2. Discuss the statement: "When Jesus is all you have, you realize he's all you need." Have you experienced a time when this felt true in your life?
3. How does the hope of resurrection impact how you face challenges or difficulties in your life?
4. What sacrifices have you made or would you be willing to make because of your belief in the risen Christ? How does this compare to the sacrifices of the apostles?

## RESPOND

Force for Good: When was the last time you shared the hope that you have in the Gospel of Jesus Christ? What is stopping you from sharing the Gospel with someone this week? For resources on sharing the Gospel click [HERE](#) or scan the QR.



## Prayer:

Thank God for the hope we have because of the resurrection. Ask for strength to live in light of this truth and for opportunities to share this hope with others.

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# Questions for Families

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*Here are some questions you can discuss with the whole family.*

## **1 Corinthians 15:3-8 and 12-19**

### **What is special about Easter, and why do we celebrate it?**

*Encourage young children to talk about Easter as a time to remember Jesus and His love for us. For older kids, discuss the significance of Jesus rising from the dead and the hope and new life it brings.*

### **How do you think people felt when they heard Jesus was alive again?**

*Help children imagine the surprise and happiness people might have felt. With older children, talk about how this event brings hope and promise to Christians today.*

### **How can we show the love of Jesus to others during Easter time?**

*For younger kids, focus on simple acts of kindness like sharing or helping. For teenagers, discuss more complex actions, such as volunteering or reaching out to someone who needs support.*

## NT 260

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### **WEEK: 17**

- 2 Corinthians 3
- 2 Corinthians 4
- 2 Corinthians 5
- 2 Corinthians 6
- 2 Corinthians 7

**MEMORY VERSE:** Matthew 5:33-35

# Resources

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## **Resources to Listen to**

### **BEMA - The Final Week**



Marty Solomon dives into the final week of Jesus' life [here](#).  
(38 min)

## **Resources to Watch**

### **Bible Project Guide - 2 Corinthians**



The Bible Project gives an in-depth overview through 2 Corinthians with multiple resources and videos. Click [here](#).  
(9 min)

### **Sharing the Gospel - 3 Circles**



Check out the 3 Circles training that shows you how to present the Gospel in a clear and easy way [here](#).  
(5 min)

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## **Life Group Resources**

We have a variety of resources and are continually adding new ones. Some of our resources include group launch guides, on-demand training modules, and curriculum resources. To request a resource, reach out to us at [groups@longhollow.com](mailto:groups@longhollow.com).

## **D-Group Resources**

If you or someone you know would like to start a D-group, we have everything you need, including reading plans, journals, and a launch guide to walk you through the first four meetings.



# Commentary

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## Notes:

### What's Going On?

In this sermon, 1 Corinthians 15:12-19 helps to highlight the significance of Jesus' resurrection and how it separates Christianity from other beliefs. This passage was written by the Apostle Paul as part of his letter to the church in Corinth, a city known for its diversity and many competing beliefs. The Corinthian church was grappling with different teachings, some of which challenged the idea of people rising from the dead. Paul uses this part of his letter to address their doubts by showing how central the resurrection is to the Christian faith.

Paul argues that if Jesus didn't rise from the dead, then preaching about Him would be pointless, and the faith of believers would be empty. He emphasizes that the resurrection is the backbone of Christian hope. Without it, Christians are still stuck with their sins, and those who have died believing in Jesus have perished without promise. In the sermon, this message is used to emphasize the uniqueness and pivotal role of Jesus' resurrection in Christianity—it's not just another belief to have but the foundation of everything Christians hold dear.

## Biblical Timeline





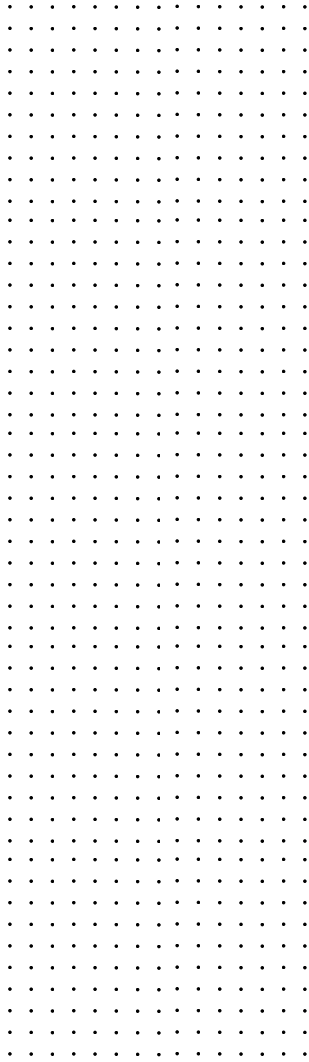
## A Bit of Background

To understand why Paul is writing these words, it helps to know a little about what was happening around him. Paul wrote this letter around 20 years after Jesus' death and resurrection, around 50 AD. During this time, Paul was traveling around the Mediterranean, establishing and advising early Christian communities. The Corinthians, like many communities of the time, were facing a mix of teachings and philosophies from their culture that challenged their new faith.

In this period, the idea of resurrection wasn't widely accepted, especially not in Greek culture, which often saw the physical body as something to escape rather than something that could be redeemed. Therefore, some people in Corinth struggled with the concept of Jesus being raised from the dead and what it meant for their own future. Paul writes to correct these misunderstandings and to reassure them about the truth they had been taught.

The passage was a way for Paul to connect the very real, historical event of Jesus' resurrection with everyday life for Christians, showing them that their faith wasn't just a nice idea but rooted in something that truly happened. The sermon uses this historical argument to encourage modern listeners, pointing out that the truth of the resurrection brings real hope and meaning to their lives today, just as it did for the Corinthians long ago.

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1 Corinthians 15:12-19

Today's highlighted passage and other related passages



# Sermon Notes

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## 1 Corinthians 15:3-8 and 12-19 CSB

For I passed on to you as most important what I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. Then he appeared to over five hundred brothers and sisters at one time; most of them are still alive, but some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one born at the wrong time, he also appeared to me... Now, if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say, "There is no resurrection of the dead"? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is in vain, and so is your faith. Moreover, we are found to be false witnesses about God, because we have testified wrongly about God that he raised up Christ whom he did not raise up, if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. Those, then, who have fallen asleep in Christ have also perished. If we have put our hope in Christ for this life only, we should be pitied more than anyone.

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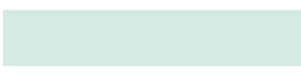
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(Get digital notes on your mobile device at [notes.longhollow.com](https://notes.longhollow.com))

## Living out our God-given calling as we follow Jesus and make disciples every day.

*Spirit-Led Follower* A disciple who walks with Jesus daily, anchoring their lives to God's Word and obediently following the Holy Spirit where He leads.

*Intentional Friend* A disciple who is always looking for ways to care for others and meet their needs. This is a practical way to be present in the lives of those around us.

*Humble Guide* A disciple who is a humble guide takes every opportunity to help people take their next step closer to Jesus. This is someone who is constantly looking for opportunities to have Gospel conversations and speak truth into someone's life.

*Force For Good* When a disciple lives out their God-given calling, they naturally become a force for good where they live, work, and play. This type of person is looking for opportunities to meet needs, heal brokenness, and bring tangible hope to the people in their life and in their community.



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