



5. Understand Hope

Read 1 Corinthians 15. The whole chapter, if you can. It will take time so take turns.

- What struck you about this week's message? Was anything particularly new, or was it mostly a reminder?
- 'Bad company corrupts good character.' To what extent do you think our culture affects our practice and thinking as believers? What's the answer – should we just completely withdraw?
- Paul starts his argument by parading evidence for the resurrection of Jesus, listing all the eyewitnesses. Why is it important to be confident in the proofs of the resurrection (cf. Acts 1.3)? How confident are you?
- Natural body vs Spiritual body. Have you ever thought of the life to come as disembodied and non-physical? What does it mean to have a 'Spiritual body'? Did Philip's car analogy work for you?
- "When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed" (v38). How helpful is Paul's seed/body picture? How does it make you feel? What do you think our future might look like? Is there Rugby?!
- Why does the theology of resurrection impact how fully we give ourselves to the 'work of the Lord' (v58)? What would it look like to live a life more informed by our future hope?
- Why does the hope of resurrection mean our labour is 'not in vain'?

BIG IDEA: The future hope of resurrection needs to inform how we live today. Our future is a body that is transformed, eternal and beyond our wildest dreams. Because of that we can serve God's Kingdom wholeheartedly.

Take a bit of time to worship God together. Pray prayers of thanks and wonder at the resurrection from the dead and the hope of future glory. Pray for friends you know who need to hear this good news.