



SDG Discussion Guide

1 Corinthians 15

April 1, 2018

For starters:

What is a piece of advice you have received in your lifetime that you have not forgotten?

When you were younger, what friend or other person was a positive influence on you and how?

Interaction with the text: (The following questions are meant to provide points of further interaction with the respective sermon text. Feel free to forward the questions to your small group members ahead of the respective Sunday. Group members may also find these questions in print on that Sunday.)

As you can, read aloud the passage in your group. Before you begin the discussion, pray and ask God to speak to your group. Notice, what may God be highlighting for your discussion and learning?

Now that you have read the text together, what points and questions of the text arose? Spend plenty of time in your group to address these. What else did you notice? Explore and see how God may steer the discussion. The following are further questions for interaction.

1. How had the Corinthians "taken their stand" (v 1) on the Gospel?
2. What are the main points of the Gospel Paul received and passed on to the Corinthians?
3. How would you explain the importance of Christ's resurrection to a non-Christian?
4. Why do you think Paul went into such detail listing who saw Jesus after he was resurrected?
5. What false teaching was being spread among the Corinthians (v. 12)?
6. From this passage, what does Paul say would be true if there were no resurrection from the dead?
7. Paul says, "I die every day," referring to his willingness to sacrifice his present rights for the salvation of others (knowing he will be raised from the dead). In what ways can one "die every day"?
8. What does "Christ died on the cross for the forgiveness of sin" mean to you? When you reflect on that statement and what it has meant to you, how does it affect the way you live day-to-day?
9. What difference has Christ's resurrection and your resulting victory over death made to you in terms of hope and courage? In terms of purpose for life?
10. Where do you see the character of Christ most in your life?

Spend some time in prayer. Ask God to help you to pray. Ask God to speak to you and to show you anything you need to see around the content of this passage. Pause and sit in silence a while, listening.... Ask God to help you to respond. Ask God to overwhelm you with his strength, courage, and hope for the future. Go forth this week that God hears our prayers... and responds.

*These questions were adapted from *The Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998).