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Read all of 1 Corinthians 14 and 15.

Study Questions

- 1. The Corinthian Church struggled with how to live in their culture while at the same time follow Christ. The Apostle Paul knew the Corinthians needed to hold fast to the truth of the Gospel for their future. Paul wanted the Corinthians to remember Christ died for their sins, was buried, and was raised from the dead after 3 days. This is what the Apostle says if of first importance in **1 Corinthians 15:1-6**. Most of us are concerned about living comfortable lives here on earth. For this reason, our lives give no evidence of the resurrection. Paul lived such a committed Christian life, people could look at him and say, "There is no way he would live like that unless there was a reward waiting for him in heaven." What would change in your life, if you lived with Christ's death, burial and resurrection as first importance?
- 2. Some in Corinth were denying the resurrection. **Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-19**. What does the Apostle Paul say is in vain if this is true? Why?
- 3. Many people saw the resurrected Jesus. Look up these verses and list who.
 - a. John 20:11-18
 - b. Luke 24:13-35
 - c. John 20:24-29
 - d. John 21:1-14
 - e. 1 Corinthians 15:5-8
 - f. Acts 9:1-19
- 4. **Read Matthew 16:21, 17:22-23 and 20:19.** The people who saw Jesus after the resurrection, remembered back to when Jesus shared what was going to happen to Him. They did not understand at the time, but afterwards they remembered. How

would Jesus words before His death, as well as His appearance afterwards, solidify their faith? How does it benefit yours?

- 5. **Read John 11:25**. Why is Christ resurrection so important for every follower of Christ?
- 6. How does the hope of resurrection affect you personally? Do you think about it each day? The resurrection should shape who we are and how we look at the world. It should direct how we live. Christ resurrection protects us from living for short term materialistic lives. Does Christ resurrection change how you live and how you prioritize your life or is it just an insurance policy you plan to dust off at the end of your life? Do you live as if this life is all that matters, as if the resurrection will not happen? Spend time in reflection and prayer. Ask God to help you live with Christ's resurrection foremost in your heart and mind.
- 7. Continue to pray the prayer of Saint Francis throughout our study of 1 Corinthians.

Prayer of Saint Francis:

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace, Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy; Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

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