

# THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

## **Discussion Guide: The Resurrection of Jesus**

**Passage:** 1 Corinthians 15 (focused on vs. 58)

**Summary:** Recent studies show that people are less optimistic about their future and about our world than we've been in a long time. With all the turmoil happening around us, it's not hard to see why. And yet, Christians have what Peter calls a "living hope". We can be confident and hopeful about the future because we believe Jesus has risen again from the dead and that He still lives. Because of Jesus, our future hope is that both we and this created world will one day be free from the grip of death.

## **Discussion Questions**

1. Optimism is at an all-time low right now in our world? How do people tend to respond and cope with this reality? (Despair or delusion were two directions we talked about in the service) Which direction do you tend to go?
2. Paul says we can be optimistic that our "labor is not vain" because of the resurrection. How does the resurrection change the equation?
3. Paul is confident that the bodily resurrection of Jesus from the dead really happened. What reasons do we have to be confident of this?
4. Because the resurrection is our future, Paul calls us to "be steadfast and immovable" and "always abounding in the work of the Lord." He calls us to both faithful presence and fruitful presence. What does that tangibly look like? Where is God inviting you to be both faithful and fruitful even in the midst of a decaying world?

*At the end, take some time to pray for one another in smaller groups.*