

Small Group Discussion Questions:

1. Do you think most people believe in life after death? Do you think most people believe in resurrection of the dead? Is there a difference in these two questions? Explain.
2. From the following passages, list the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus. (Mk 16:9; Mt 28:9, 17; Lk 24:15, 36, 50; 1 Cor 15:5-8; Jn 20:19, 26; Jn 21:1; Acts 9:5) Can you think of other events in history where the testimony of this many witnesses is discounted by a majority of people?

Read 1st Corinthians 15

3. Why do you feel Paul would say the Christian faith is useless if there is no resurrection of the dead?
4. Try to explain verses 20-22.
5. What do you think it means to live with “resurrection power”? (You may also want to read Romans 8:5-11 for help.)
6. What does Paul say should be the characteristics of our lives when we understand the power of the resurrection? (See 1 Cor 15:58)

Read Romans 8:18-27

7. In what ways do these verses explain much of the anxiety in your life? What comfort do you find in these verses? (If you REALLY want encouragement, continue reading to the end of the chapter!)

Revelation 21

8. This chapter is a vision of the time when “*creation itself will be liberated...and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.* (Rom 8:21) If you have time, read this chapter and try to imagine spending eternity there. What excites you as you read this passage?

Application

9. Name one thing you believe **The Church**, worldwide, should accomplish. What is holding it back?
10. Name one thing you believe **Antioch Christian Church** should accomplish. What is holding it back?
11. Name one thing **you** should accomplish. What is holding you back?
12. Does Jesus’ resurrection offer any help in overcoming these things which hold us back? Does His resurrection (and our future resurrection) make a difference in the way we live our daily lives?