

1 Corinthians 15: 12-28



The Text – 1 Corinthians 15:12-28

1. Why, for Paul, is a resurrection from the dead such an important thing to believe and uphold?
2. What are the consequences if Jesus' resurrection is a lie?
3. Why is it so important that the resurrection was Jesus' resurrection and not somebody else? What does Jesus' resurrection achieve that anybody else's would not?
4. What is the future for all dominions, powers and authorities? What does death's future look like?
5. Read verses 29-32. If the resurrection is not true, how should a person live?
6. According to Paul, how does Jesus' resurrection change how we see and act in the world?

The Scriptures – 1 Corinthians 15:12-28 as a portion of the Scriptures

7. Read Isaiah 26:16-19. In what ways is resurrection foreshadowed in this passage? How is the hope of human effort contrasted with hope in God?
8. Read Ezekiel 37:1-14. In this passage, resurrection language is used to describe the return of Israel from exile. In this sense, God's salvation is often tied with resurrection imagery. What other pictures and metaphors of resurrection do we see in the Old Testament? How do these events and images shape Israel as a nation?

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to 1 Corinthians 15:12-28 as a portion of the Scriptures

9. What difference does it make to live in a world where a resurrection has taken place as opposed to a world where there is no resurrection?
10. How might the fact that we are people of resurrection shape our response in times of crisis like now?
11. How might we balance love for neighbour with courageous imagination in this time?