

DISCUSSION GUIDE
JULY 29 & 30

BROKEN

A STUDY IN 1 CORINTHIANS

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I CORINTHIANS 15 | WEEK 8

Opening Questions

1. Describe your thoughts, feelings, or experiences regarding death.
2. Think of a struggle you have or are experiencing in life. What makes this struggle worthwhile?
3. What is a question you would like to ask Paul about chapter 15?

In the Word

1. Read [1 Corinthians 15](#) as a group.
2. In [verses 1-11](#), what does Paul describe as the essence of what he has passed on?
3. Why is it important to Paul to mention the people who had seen the risen Jesus?
4. In [verses 9-11](#), how does Paul say his life demonstrates God's grace?
5. In [verses 12-19](#), describe the logic and importance of Paul's argument.
6. Looking at [verse 26](#), in what ways is death an enemy, and how does the resurrection show the defeat of death?
7. In [verses 20-28](#), how does Paul describe the order of the coming kingdom?
8. In [verses 35-50](#), what does Paul mention that reminds us of the creation in [Genesis 1](#)? What is Paul trying to communicate about the resurrection by connecting it with Genesis?
9. In [verses 50-58](#), what does Paul say happens to believers who have died when the Lord appears?
10. Take another look at [verse 58](#). In what ways is this verse a huge encouragement? Why?

Making It Personal

1. What are the most significant ways your life demonstrates God's grace? With whom have you shared this recently?
2. What difference must the resurrection make as we face our own mortality?
3. What do you think God desires for you to do in order to stand firm and give yourself fully to the work of the Lord? What steps can you take this week?
4. Spend time in prayer giving thanks for God's grace and mercy, and praying for one another.

Continued Learning

1. As time allows, read [chapter 14](#) and [chapter 16](#), and discuss the major themes.
2. Note: In [15:29](#), baptism for the dead is mentioned. This may have been a practice on behalf of those who had died without being baptized to demonstrate they did belong to Jesus. Some think this was a practice of people receiving Christ and being baptized who were friends of someone who recently died and they wanted to experience the resurrection as well with their departed loved ones. This wasn't something that was practiced for very long and not something taught in the Bible at all. It's one of the most difficult phrases in all of 1 Corinthians to understand.

Additional Notes