

QUESTIONS TO PONDER—What did you find interesting, new, hopeful, confusing, etc. in this week's readings?

1. Sunday, Apr 2; 1 Cor 15:12-22; The Resurrected Christ. Why is belief in the resurrection of Christ absolutely necessary for the believer (12-18)? Is faith in Christ an "all or nothing" thing (vs. 19, virgin birth, Son of God, resurrected Lord, King of Kings, etc.)? What are the implications for humanity if Christ was not resurrected? How does Paul know that Christ was indeed resurrected (20, 3-8)? Are these witnesses trustworthy enough to believe? Who is the most trustworthy witness to the one who puts his/her faith in Christ? Read your bible notes on 21-22. What does humanity inherit as sons of Adam? What do believers inherit through faith in Christ? **Personal Application:** State your own belief in the resurrection by filling in the rest of this statement: "But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead" because_____.

2. Monday, Apr 3; 1 Cor. 15:22-34; Death Defeated Through Resurrection. What happens to those who belong to Christ (22-23)? Make a list of events at the end of the age (24-28). Why is resurrection key for believers (29-32)? What is the appropriate philosophy of life for those without the hope of resurrection (32, Isaiah 22:13, notes)? What lifestyles should and should not be embraced for the person who believes in the resurrected Christ and their own resurrection to follow (33-34)? Why? **Personal Application:** How does your life show you believe in the resurrection?

3. Tuesday, Apr 4; 1 Cor. 15:35-49; Our Resurrection Bodies! How does Paul answer the question regarding how the dead are resurrected (35-42a)? Give your own explanation of this logic. What good news about our resurrected bodies will each of us experience (42b-44)? How have you and I borne the image of Adam (45-49)? How have you and I now and forevermore borne the image of Jesus Christ (45-49)? **Personal Application:** Write your thoughts on our new resurrected bodies.

4. Wednesday, Apr 5; 1 Cor. 15 50-58; From Perishable to Imperishable! Explain the meaning of verse 50. Because of this verse, shall you or I consider ourselves to be flesh and blood or spiritual? Perishable or imperishable? What will happen for those who are yet alive at the second coming (51-52)? What happens to those who have died (51)? What is the victory described in 53-57 and Hosea 13:14? How was and is victory over death accomplished (15:3-4)? How shall a believer live (58)? **Personal Application:** Explain how/why a believer should live hopefully no matter the circumstances.

5. Thursday, Apr 6; 1 Cor. 16:1-9; Giving. What act of kindness and charity were the Corinthian believers going to do and why (1-4)? Examine with the Lord your own financial gifts to the church or Christian organizations. Would He have you or me make any changes? Why couldn't Paul visit the Corinthians at this time (5-9)? What was Paul's desire I regard to the Corinthians (7)? **Personal Application:** With whom do you feel drawn to spend more time so you might build them up in the Lord?

6. Friday, Apr 7; 1 Cor. 16:10-24; Treating Others Well. What was Paul's concern in sending Timothy (10-12)? What Five Daily Life Instructions does Paul give (13-14)? Why were all believers needed (15-18)? Why is encouragement of new believers necessary (19-24)? **Personal Application:** What will you remember most about the Book of 1 Corinthians?

7. Saturday, Apr 8; Intro + 2 Cor. 1:1-11; God Comforts. INTRODUCTION: What was Paul's purpose in writing the second Corinthian letter? **2 Cor. 1:** With whom, by whom, and to whom did Paul write this letter (1)? How do you or I need grace and peace today (2)? How does God give you or me compassion and comfort (3)? Why does God give us comfort (4)? How do we as believers share in each other's' sufferings and comforts (5-7)? How did Paul humanly react to the troubles he experienced in Asia (8)? What were the further purposes (9-11)? **Personal Application:** How have you seen God deliver you from peril by His graciousness and in answer to the prayers of others?

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