

# Community Group Questions

April 30, 2017

1 Corinthians 15:58-16:21

## Get to know each other:

1. Does anyone have any questions about Faith Promise, the mission support fund at Country Bible? (NOTE: Group leaders, let the people in your group answer the questions that arise. If there are any lingering questions about Faith Promise, please email them to [elders@countrybible.net](mailto:elders@countrybible.net).)
2. Of the missionaries listed today, would we as a group like to take one on to support specifically through prayer and letters/emails of encouragement? If so, which one?
3. Let us prayer for that missionary now.

## Get to know God and His Word:

1. Let us read again the passage for this week.
2. Why does Paul want the Corinthians to abound in the work of the Lord (15:58)?
3. What is “the work of the Lord”? What first comes to mind? Does the context of chapter 16 confirm your answer?
4. What other things may be thought of as “the work of the Lord”? What is the connection between “the work of the Lord” and “your labor” (15:58)? Should 1 Corinthians 10:31 influence your answer?
  - a. Think of all the various roles you play in your life (child of God, evangelist, son or daughter, perhaps spouse and/or parent, employee/employer, brother or sister in Christ, teacher, servant...). List as many things that could be reasonably classified as “your labor. Name one way in which one of these things could be done in obedience to Christ.
5. The word “therefore” at the beginning of the verse points us back to the discussion of the whole book culminating in the reality of Christ’s bodily resurrection and ours. What is the connection? How does Paul intend for the reality of resurrection (past and future) to motivate “your labor” “in the Lord”?

## Get to know yourself:

1. In the list of tasks mentioned above name one in which you feel tempted to not do it well for the glory of God.
2. How can the promise of reward (real, and everlasting) really impact your particular situation (Eph 6:8)? What practical steps could you take to connect your workload to this motivation?
3. Are there some roles or situations where you are unwilling (either because of a hardening heart or an encroaching stubbornness) to all resurrection reality motivate your zeal to continue?

Break up into gender groups (men, women). Pray specifically for each others struggles in “the work of the Lord”. Pray also for the advancement of the gospel in our area, and global missionaries.