

### **LEADERS**

Please encourage your SG members to attend (or tune into) the upcoming vision night on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Thank you!

### **LEARN**

Read 1 Corinthians 15:21-28 together. What stands out to you from the text or from Sunday's sermon as encouraging, helpful, or challenging?

What is the connection Paul makes between Adam and Christ in v. 21-22? Why is it important we understand the issue of who we are united to?

(There are 2 heads of the human race: Adam, in which all of us are born and will die because of, or Christ. Relationship we have to Adam is a picture of the relationship Christians have to Christ.)

What does it mean in v. 25 that Christ must reign "until" he has put "all" his enemies under his feet? (First, it means Christ is reigning now [resurrection/ascension means he rules now]. Kingdom is underway now. Second, Christ's kingly warfare against his enemies is taking place now. "All" tells us the extent, his redemption is not complete until there are no more enemies.)

It's popular to ask "What is God doing in our world right now?" How should this passage help us be able to answer at least some of what we know God to be doing in the world?

(Ex: He is reigning now. He is subduing his enemies now. He is saving people, uniting them to Christ now. He is working out the process by which he becomes all in all.)

### **PRACTICE**

How should the assurance of our final resurrection impact the way we pray and live our day to day lives?

(Ex: It can help us never lose hope, despite personal disappointments/suffering or events in our world looking dire. It helps steady our minds on God's reign and victory in Christ that we participate in.)

Death will be destroyed. How can this reality help you fight fear of death and rejoice in the power of God?

(Ex: Not going with the narrative of death as final, or the ultimate end of life. We know our lives are eternal and secure in Christ, so whenever and however our bodies perish we know it is not the end.)

### **CHANGE**

The final and complete victory of God over every enemy should increase our boldness of faith and confidence in Christ. Does it do that in your life? What in your own heart gets in the way of this boldness and confidence?

(Leaders: Be prepared to go first here, demonstrating how in our weakness these truths don't magically make everything better. We need the help of the Spirit and the Truth of the Word, to transform us over time, expelling fear and unbelief to develop this boldness and confidence.)