

1 Corinthians 15 – Study Questions

1. You can begin your discussion by asking people to share briefly what they did for Easter. Did they receive an Easter basket? Did they get a new Easter dress or other clothes? Did they have dinner with others?

2. Ask people to share if they have ever seen or witnessed something unusual or unexpected (a car accident, a winning touchdown, a grand slam home run, a crime in progress, etc)

Allow them to explain - were there other witnesses who saw the same thing?

3. Read I Corinthians 15:1-8. What are the essential elements of the "Gospel" in verses 1-4?

Why is faith or belief essential to our response to the gospel? (12:1-2 / 11)

Compare: Ephesians 2:8-9

4. Why do you think the Apostle Paul put so much emphasis on the eyewitnesses who saw Jesus alive after His death on the cross in 5-8?

Compare some of the other verses we read on Easter Sunday. What details do they include that makes their eyewitness accounts credible?

Acts 1:1-3 / 3:15 / 5:30-32 / 10:39-41 / 13:30-31 / Luke 24:36-43 / John 20:19-24

5. Why do you think it is hard for people to believe in something they have not seen?

Can you think of some examples in history that we believe or accept even though we did not see them and simply rely on the reliability of those who saw it and told others?

6. What did Jesus say to Thomas (John 20:29) and Peter say to his readers (I Peter 1:8) concerning faith and belief in Jesus' resurrection from the dead?

7. Ask the members of your group to share why they do or do not believe in Jesus' resurrection or ask them to share what they have heard non-church friends say about their view of Jesus' resurrection.

8. Conclude your time praying for one another and thank God for the miracle of Jesus' resurrection.