

## LifeGroup Questions

### Overcome

Based On: 1 Corinthians 15

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### Overview 1 Corinthians 15

A lady once asked Vernon McGee this question: "Our preacher said that on Easter, Jesus just swooned on the cross and that the disciples nursed Him back to health. What do you think?" Vernon replied, "Dear sister, beat your preacher with a leather whip with 39 heavy strokes, nail him to a cross, hang him in the sun for six hours, run a spear through his heart, embalm him, put him in an airless tomb for three days, and see what happens!" The resurrection is the cornerstone of the Christian faith. Paul states that without the resurrection our faith is in vain. It is because of the knowledge of the power of the resurrection that Paul wrote, "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.<sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

### Bible Study: 1 Corinthians 15

1. Generally speaking, why do you think the cross of Christ is spoken more about than the tomb of Christ?
2. How do you view the various challenges you face in life? What is your general attitude when life doesn't go the way you want it to?
3. Everyone has challenges they want to overcome. Take a few moments and think about some challenges you are currently facing. In what ways does the gospel give you hope and strength to overcome life's challenges?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-2. What has the gospel done for you? In return, what are you supposed to do for the gospel? Why?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-18. How many if/then statements does Paul use in this section? Do you believe this is a convincing argument for the resurrection?
6. In the sermon, Pastor Brent said: "In fact, we're still in our sins. We've not received victory over death if Jesus didn't get victory. We're still stuck." Why is it not enough that Christ came, lived as a man, performed miracles, and died on the cross? How would you explain to a non-Christian the importance of the resurrection?
7. Pastor Brent said: "Don't take the tomb and eternal life for granted. Don't get used to the wonder of what Jesus has given you. Smile more. Laugh more. Be thankful." How do you know if you are taking the resurrection for granted? What steps can you take to guard yourself against this attitude?
8. What impact does the resurrection of Christ have on how you face life? Does it give you hope?