

Small Group Questions: For the Week of May 24, 2026 (1 Corinthians 15 & the Nicene Creed)

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1–11

This weekend we discussed the timing of 1 Corinthians and this particular chapter. Why is the timing of this passage so significant for the discussion surrounding the identity of Jesus?

What are some of the biggest questions or objections people seem to have about Jesus today?

Have you personally ever wrestled with doubts about faith or the resurrection? What helped you?

What were the key elements of “the gospel” that Paul was reminding them of? Why does Paul consider these things to be “of first importance”?

Why do you think Paul includes a list of witnesses here? What difference does it make that Christianity is rooted in public events and eyewitness testimony?

Why do Christians need reminders of the gospel even after believing?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:12–22

What emotions or tone do you hear in Paul’s words here?

What is the significance of verse 18? Why is Paul so strong and direct in this section?

Look up Blaise Pascal’s idea known as “Pascal’s Wager.” What argument is Pascal making?

What are the strengths and weaknesses of Pascal’s argument? Are Paul and Pascal contradicting each other? How might we reconcile these two perspectives?

What would be lost if Christianity only taught morality and not the resurrection?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:42–56

In your own words, what is Paul saying about the resurrection of the dead?

The final portion of the Nicene Creed says:

“He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.”

How does this truth connect with what Paul is teaching in this passage?

What hope does the resurrection give us in both life and death?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:58

How did Paul want the church in Corinth to respond to this reminder about the gospel and resurrection?

What does “standing firm” in faith actually look like in everyday life?

What pressures or distractions make it difficult to remain steadfast?

Where do you sense God inviting you to be more faithful right now?

What is one concrete step you could take this week to serve, encourage, or share the hope of Jesus with someone?