



1 Corinthians 15:12-58 Discussion Questions

- Wesley opened with a reference to physical weakness and aging. How does our physical frailty remind us that something is not right with this world?
- Paul says that if Christ hasn't been raised, our faith is in vain. What are some ways our faith would fall apart if Christ hadn't risen from the grave?
 - What would happen to us after we die?
 - What would it mean for preachers of the gospel?
 - What would it mean for our sufferings in this life?
- In what ways would your priorities or lifestyle change if there were no resurrection?
- Wesley said, "If Jesus isn't alive, your faith might be sentimental but not supernatural." What's the difference between those two ways of believing?
 - What are some ways Christians can *functionally* live as if resurrection doesn't matter?
 - What voices, habits, or influences tempt you in this direction?
- In Adam, humanity fell into sin. How does Christ's resurrection shift the course of history?

- Paul calls Jesus the “firstfruits” of those who have fallen asleep. What does that image teach us about what’s coming for believers?
- What does it mean to be “in Adam” or “in Christ”?
 - How is Christ the “second Adam”?
 - How does a person go from being “in Adam” to being “in Christ”?
- Paul says Jesus must reign until every enemy—including death—is destroyed. How do you see glimpses of that reign already in your life or in the world today?
- Implications of the resurrection:
 - How does the resurrection redeem our suffering? Our losses?
 - How does it redeem our discouragements? Our failures?
Unanswered prayers?
 - How does it enable us to live free from fear? To be risk-takers?
 - How do our acts of faithfulness today participate in Christ’s resurrection?
- Wesley said, “If there’s no resurrection, courage for truth is crazy. But if there is, worldly comfort is the real insanity.” What’s one area of life where resurrection hope could help you take a bolder risk for Jesus?
- Paul taunts death by saying: “O death, where is your sting?” How can believers live with that kind of confidence even when death still feels painful and real?

- What fear or anxiety could you face differently if you truly believed death has been defeated?
- Wesley reminded us that “nothing done for Jesus is ever wasted.”
Where do you need to keep showing up, even when your obedience feels unseen?