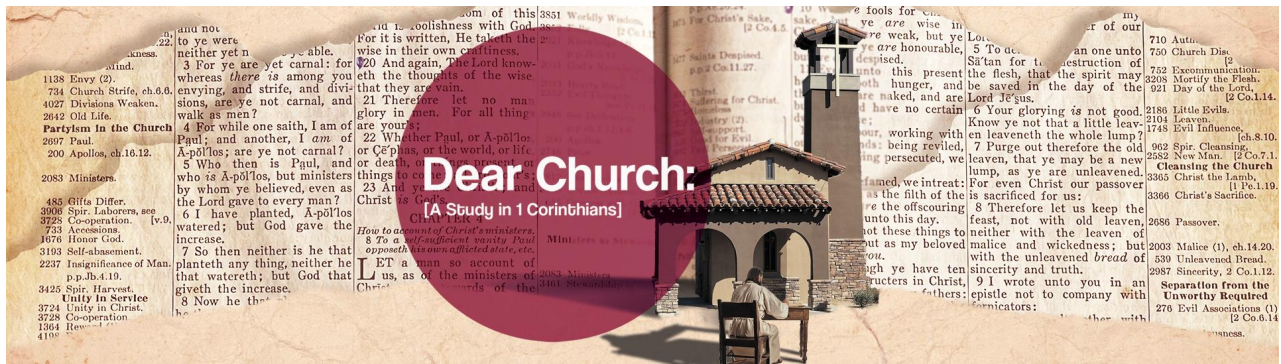




Resurrection Bodies

1 Corinthians 15:35-49 | Thomas Slager

REVIEW: The future hope for believers is the resurrection of our bodies (Rom. 8:23). As Thomas shared, Christians will not be floating spirits for all eternity but will be given glorified bodies. While we are not entirely sure of our future bodily capabilities, we know we will never die and that we will forever be with believers (1 Thess. 4:13-18) in the presence of God (Rev. 21:1-22:5). Jesus's body provides glimpses of what we may experience, though he is God and we are not. Whatever our future glorified bodily existence will be like, we can rest assured it is far better than we can imagine!

Takeaways:

1. Jesus' body is physical and tangible
2. Jesus' body is immortal
3. Jesus' body has supernatural power
4. Jesus' body is recognizable

Grow in Your Faith:

1. As a group, read 1 Cor. 15:35-49. What words, phrases, or truths immediately stand out to you and why? For example, the word "raised" occurs five times, so what reality does that mean for our earthly bodies?
2. Look at the takeaways above. What gives you comfort? What questions might you still have about our existence after this life? Are there any passages in the New Testament that might give more clarity?
3. Look at Job 19:25-26 and Isaiah 26:19. What do you find fascinating about Old Testament writers who speak about a future resurrection? Does it surprise you?

Connect in Community:

4. Many of us have lost loved ones to death. Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-11. What principles can you draw from what Paul writes that can help you minister to those who are experiencing extreme difficulties or who have lost friends and family to death? And how can you also share encouragement from 1 Corinthians 15?

Live on Mission:

5. Read Revelation 20:11-15, Daniel 12:1-2, and John 5:28-29. Even non-believers will rise again...but into eternal torment. Have you ever considered that reality? In light of our 1 Corinthians 15 chapter, does the Revelation 20 passage take on more significance than previous times you've read it?
6. Spend time as a group giving thanks to God for our glorious future. Also spend time praying for those who have yet to give their lives to Christ.