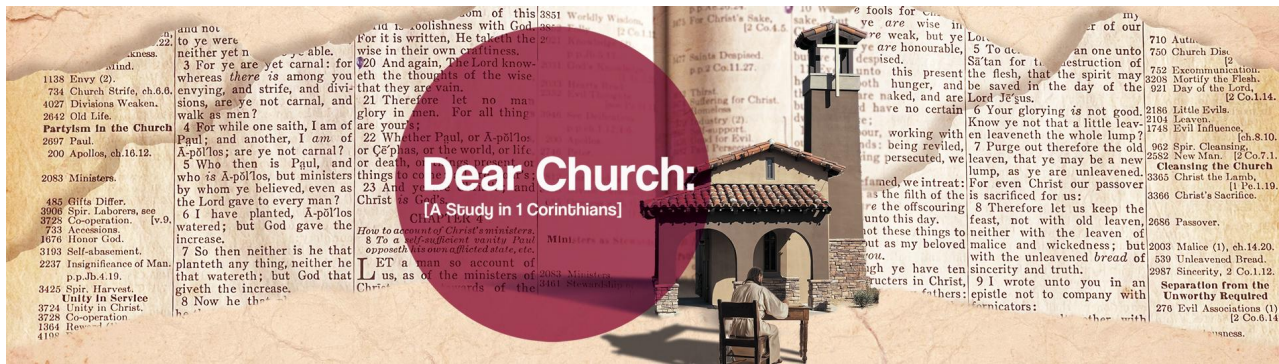




The Powerful Truth of the Gospel

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 | Ed Lutz

REVIEW: As Paul begins closing out his letter to the Corinthian church, of all the issues he has addressed, the one of “most importance” (v. 3) is the gospel. The reliability of the Christian faith, as we will see in the sermon next week, is grounded in the historical resurrection of Jesus Christ. Because he lives, we too shall live (cf. Jn 14:19).

Grow in Your Faith:

1. As a group, read aloud 1 Cor. 15:1-11. What words in particular stand out to you and why is that? Second, what feelings or thoughts does this passage stir in you?
2. What did you find particularly challenging from the text? Anything that is unclear?
3. Paul emphasized that the gospel is of first importance. Looking over this past month, can you share when you shared or leaned into the hope of the gospel in your own life or within the spheres where you operate (i.e., work, kids, community, neighbors)? If not, what do you think making the gospel of first importance actually means? Give practical, doable examples.

Connect in Community:

4. Paul notes that this church was standing firm in the gospel. Why do some people seemingly abandon or outwardly question faith in difficult moments, and what encouragement can you bring to them if the Lord gives opportunity? Is there anyone in your life we can stop and pray for right now who is in such a season of wandering?
5. Paul spends a considerable amount of time talking about grace. What do you remember about grace from the message or in this passage (v. 9-11)?
6. When you share with someone, “Grace be with you,” what did you used to think that meant? What else could it mean in light of what Paul teaches us about grace (cf. Titus 2:11-12)?

Live on Mission:

7. Every week we encourage our church family to live on mission. What does that mean? Do you feel you need more clarity or help in the “how” of living on mission? What would that look like?