

The Resurrection is Everything

1 Corinthians 15:12-34 | Kevin Yule

REVIEW: For the Christian, the resurrection is everything! Christianity hinges on it; if it did not happen, then all of us are lost! Paul exhorts this church to stand firm, to "wake up" and not be swayed by the trends of culture and the news of the day. People are being disciplined (or indoctrinated) by something or someone all the time. For Christians, we need to let God's word win the day in our lives so we can inform a dark world of the life that's possible in Christ.

Grow in Your Faith:

- 1. Read 1 Cor. 15:12-22. What remarkable statements does Paul make about our Christian faith? See if you can articulate the "domino effect" of how one statement impacts the next statement.
- 2. We all have people in our lives who live by v. 32 who are not sure that anything exists beyond this life...and yet they strive to get all they can now. What are some flaws in this kind of thinking?
- What do you find remarkable about the subjection of Christ to the Father in v. 24-28.

Connect in Community:

- 4. Paul founded this church in Acts 19. These are his people. What glimpses of his heart do you find in these verses? What words stand out or convey his passion, his tone?
- 5. What are some applications from this passage that we can use to encourage people in our Highlands community? What verses in particular are meaningful to you or could minister to someone you know is in a challenging season?

Live on Mission:

6. Kevin shared that our message to those who want to make accusatory statements about God condemning us in our sin, instead need to see the incredible grace and mercy God exhibits in sending His Son to offer forgiveness. How can we "flip the script" in those types of conversations? What common ground can we find regarding

- evil in the world and sin, and what are some questions we can pose to begin to shift people's thinking to the grace and love of God when it comes to sinfulness?
- 7. Have any of us received training on evangelism? What did that entail? Or what do you think Highlands can do to help all of us in this area?