

## A Worship Discussion Guide for Individuals, Groups & Families for the week of March 31, 2024

Read the Bible passage aloud in your group meeting. This is a worship discussion guide, and our reflections and applications are grounded in Scripture. You do not need to work through the whole guide. Decide which points would be most helpful for your meeting, and use them as a starting point for your time together.

## Warm Up

How did you think about death when you were young? How did people around you react to death?

## I Corinthians 15:51-58

<sup>51</sup> Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. <sup>53</sup> For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup> When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

"Death is swallowed up in victory."

- 55 "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"
- <sup>56</sup>The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup>But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- <sup>58</sup> Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

## The Victory

- What does "We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed" mean (51)? How would you describe that change?
- Why is sin the "sting of death" (56)? Read Romans 5:12 for more insight.
- In what way is the Law the "power of sin" (56)? Read Romans 7:7-13 for more insight.
- Yet, Jesus has given us "victory" (57).
  Victory over what? And, in what way? Read
  Romans 6:22 for more insight.
- What is the connection between Paul's declaration of the victory of Jesus and verse 58? What fruit does Paul expect we will enjoy in our lives when we know the victory of Christ?
- We need resurrection power and encouragement. The more life we live, the more death and loss we know. And the liberating power of Christ's resurrection becomes more precious to us. Christ is risen; how does His victory give you hope and courage?
- Reflect on this week's passage together, and use it as a guide for a time of prayer.

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