



What stood out to you most from the sermon? Why?

Key Takeaways:

1. Salvation is not merely knowing the facts about Jesus. It requires personally confessing sin and trusting in Christ alone.
2. Our current bodies are like seeds -- temporary, perishable, and designed for earth. Our resurrection bodies will be transformed into something far greater, just as a seed becomes something unrecognizable yet connected to what was planted.
3. Paul describes the resurrection body in four contrasts: sown in corruption, raised incorruptible; sown in dishonor, raised in glory; sown in weakness, raised in power; sown a natural body, raised a spiritual body (1 Corinthians 15:42-44).
4. The resurrected Jesus gives us a glimpse of what our eternal bodies will be like -- physical, recognizable, and yet no longer bound by the limitations of this world.
5. Death has no ultimate victory over those who are in Christ. His resurrection is the guarantee of ours.

Discussion Questions:

1. Before we studied 1 Corinthians 15, what did you picture when you thought about heaven or your eternal body? Where did those images come from?
2. In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul calls the resurrection a mystery. How do you personally tend to respond to things in your faith that you cannot fully understand -- do you lean toward curiosity, frustration, or something else?
3. The seed-and-watermelon illustration was used to show that what is planted in the ground and what grows from it are connected but completely different. What does that picture stir up in you when you apply it to your own body and your future resurrection body?
4. Paul describes four contrasts between our current bodies and our resurrection bodies in 1 Corinthians 15:42-44. Which of those four -- incorruptible, glorious, powerful, or spiritual -- feels most meaningful or hopeful to you personally, and why?
5. The post-resurrection appearances of Jesus in Luke 24 and John 20 shows us a glimpse of what glorified bodies might be like. What details from those accounts stood out to you? What questions do they raise for you?

6. Our resurrection bodies are not earned through healthy living, education, or effort -- they are entirely the result of Christ's victory. How does that truth challenge or encourage you?
7. Read Romans 8:38-39. Paul says nothing in all creation can separate believers from the love of God in Christ Jesus. How does that promise connect to the hope of resurrection? How does it speak to a fear or uncertainty you are currently carrying?
8. Knowing the facts about Jesus is not the same as personally trusting him. How would you describe your own relationship with Christ? Is there anything in that description you want to revisit or talk through with your group?
9. The death of a believer is not an ending but a beginning -- one child even called it a graduation party. How does viewing death through the lens of resurrection change the way you think about your own mortality or the loss of someone you love?
10. Communion was described as a rehearsal for the day we will celebrate with Jesus face to face. How does that reframe the way you approach the Lord's table?

Practical Applications:

1. This week, identify one area of your life where fear of death, physical decline, or uncertainty about the future is affecting how you live. Bring that specific fear before God in prayer and ask him to replace it with resurrection hope.
2. If you have children or young people in your life, create space for them to ask hard questions about death, heaven, and eternity. Practice being comfortable saying "I don't know" and pointing them to the greatness of a God who does.
3. Read through 1 Corinthians 15 in its entirety on your own this week. Note every contrast Paul draws between our current bodies and our resurrection bodies. Let those contrasts shape how you think about the body you are living in right now and the one that is coming.
4. If you are not yet a follower of Jesus Christ, do not let this week pass without talking to someone about what it means to personally trust him. The resurrection hope described in this passage is not automatic -- it belongs to those who are in Christ.
5. The next time you take communion, come to the table with the specific expectation that Jesus himself promised to one day share that meal with you again. Let that expectation change the weight and joy of the moment.