

Small Group Discussion Guide

Theme: *The Centrality of the Resurrection*

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Icebreaker: Take a moment to share your story of how you came to faith in Jesus. How has your relationship with Jesus changed your life?

Discussion Questions:

1. Understanding the Gospel:

- Paul summarizes the gospel with four verbs: *died, buried, raised, and seen*. What stands out to you about how Paul presents the gospel in this passage?
- Why is the resurrection central to the gospel message? How would our faith be different without the resurrection?

2. Proofs of the Resurrection:

- Paul mentions three key proofs of the resurrection: salvation, scripture, and witnesses. Which of these proofs stands out to you the most and why?
- How do these proofs give us confidence in sharing the gospel today?

3. Grace and Transformation:

- Paul describes how the resurrection changed his life, making four key statements: "I am different," (abnormally born) "I am the least," "I am what I am," and "Yet not I." Which of these statements resonates most with your own journey of faith?
- How have you experienced God's grace in your own life? In what ways has grace changed how you view yourself or how you serve others?

4. Living in Light of the Resurrection:

- Paul's encounter with the risen Jesus radically transformed him. How should the reality of the resurrection impact how we live today?
- What difference does the resurrection make in how you respond to suffering, challenges, or death in your own life?

5. Application:

- Paul labored hard in response to the grace of God, yet he acknowledged it was God's work through him. How can we rely on God's strength more in our day-to-day lives and ministries?
 - How can we as a small group encourage each other to live more fully in the power of the resurrection this week?
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Closing Reflection: Reflect on how the resurrection of Jesus has changed your life. Take a few moments to pray together, thanking God for the grace and hope found in Christ's resurrection, and ask Him to empower you to live in that grace.

Optional Activity: Write down one way you want to live out the reality of the resurrection this week. Share it with the group and commit to praying for one another in that area.