

1 Cor. 15 "Christ Is Risen Indeed!" OGCF April 17, 2022

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What has been most helpful for you to consistently submit to God's will?

TAKING IT HOME

- 7) What are some ways that God speaks to us?
- 8) What are some good things to remember when God is telling us to do something our flesh doesn't agree with?
- 9) Looking back at this week's teaching and homework, what is most important for you to remember and why?
- 10) What do you most look forward to in this quarter of Life Groups?
- 11) For personal study only: Is there an area or situation in which you need to submit to God? If so, what is it? Take some time to pray and verbally surrender this to the Lord.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Life Group Homework For the week of April 17, 2022

WELCOME TO LIFE GROUPS!

This week we kick off our Spring Life Group Quarter! Your first meeting is designed to give you time to get acquainted and connect with each other. Meetings are 1.5 hours long consisting of discussion, prayer, and fellowship.

To prepare for your first meeting, take some time to focus on the questions below and be prepared to share your answers with the group. Have a great meeting as you build friendships and grow closer to the Lord!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- 1) This past weekend we celebrated Easter. When you were growing up, did you have any Easter traditions?
- 2) Has your viewpoint of Easter changed over time? If so, how?

REVIEW

- 3) Looking back at your notes, what stood out to you from this week's message? (Favorite point? Questions? etc..)

DIGGING DEEPER

- 4) This week we were reminded of the importance of Jesus' resurrection. Read the following passage about our resurrection.

1 Corinthians 15:54-57 NLT - "[54] Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled: "Death is swallowed up in victory. [55] O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" [56] For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. [57] But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ."

What stands out to you from this passage?

What do you think Paul means when he says, "the law gives sin its power"? (For help, see Romans 7:7-12)

After the passage above, Paul adds this verse:

1 Corinthians 15:58 NLT - "So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless."

What does this verse mean to you?

5) What do the following passages teach us about Christ's death and resurrection?

Romans 5:6-8 - "[6] For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. [7] For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. [8] But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Romans 6:5-7 - "[5] For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, [6] knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. [7] For he who has died has been freed from sin."

The bible talks about us being "slaves" to sin and the flesh without Jesus, but "freed from sin" with Jesus. Why do you think God inspired Paul to use such strong words/phrases?

6) Jesus is our perfect example in submitting to the Father. What stands out to you from the following passage?

Matthew 26:39-42 - "[39] He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will." [40] Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "What? Could you not watch with Me one hour? [41] "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." [42] Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done. ""

Based on this passage, what does it mean to "deny yourself" and "submit to God"?

Can you think of any benefits that come from being willing to deny yourself in order to follow God's will?