

**CONFIRMATION WORSHIP NOTES**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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What sticks out to you from this sermon series?

Why is it important to think about resurrection?

Is there anything different in the service today? If so, what is it?

Which song from the worship service was your favorite? Why?

What questions do you have for the pastor?

**Confirmation Sermon Notes**

Sermon Series: Practice Resurrection

Sermon Title: A Mystery Revealed

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:(35-49) 50-58

Write down the Next Step for this week:

## **Study Guide**

### **Read 1 Corinthians 15:35-58 out loud, slowly.**

(Pay attention to the comparisons Paul makes in order to teach the reader about the resurrection body.)

In 1 Cor 15:35, Paul points out two questions that come as a result of what was written in 15:1-34.

What are those questions?

Have you asked them before?

What other questions come up concerning resurrection?

What imagery does Paul use to begin answering those questions? (vv. 36-38)

Why do you think Paul uses this imagery? (See 1 Cor. 15:20-23)

Does this imagery help you understand how the dead are raised? Why or why not?

What point is Paul making in 15:39-41?

How does all of creation help us understand the bodily resurrection that awaits humankind?

1 Cor. 15:42-49 is a reiteration of the explanation/illustration found in 15:36-41.

How do these eight comparisons bring clarity to your understanding of the resurrection body?

What questions come up from these comparisons?

Which of these comparisons brings you the most hope? Why?

In what way(s) can these comparisons help you engage in conversation with someone who questions the biblical teaching of the resurrection?

### **Read 1 Cor. 15:50-57 again.**

In 15:50, how does Paul point out that he is trying to clarify everything he has written in ch. 15 up to this point?

In your own words, what is Paul saying about the resurrection body and the Kingdom of God?

How is the statement "Behold! I tell you a mystery." helpful in wrestling with all Paul has written regarding resurrection? (15:51a)

What is the "mystery" Paul is referring to?

### **Re-read 1 Cor 15:23-26.**

15:51b-52 refers to the return of Jesus. How does what Paul writes in verse 52 build upon what he previously said in vv. 23-26?

In verses 53-55, Paul connects the dots to two old testament prophecies. (Isa. 25:8, Hosea 13:14)

What is the connection between those prophecies and the future hope of our resurrection?

How does Paul explain "the sting of death"? (15:56a)

What is "the power of sin"? (15:56b)

What is the Good News Paul writes immediately following the explanation of sin and death? (15:57)

15:58 is the concluding thought in this extended teaching. The first word is "therefore" which ought to cause the reader to look back at what was just written. The word "therefore" could also cause the reader to think "because of what I just read..."

What is the intended response for a disciple of Jesus after reading this teaching about the resurrection body? What are the four specific descriptions?

### **Read Galatians ch. 1-2 in preparation for next Sunday.**

**Next Steps:** Tell someone how Paul's teaching about resurrection has changed your approach to daily life as a disciple of Jesus.

**Next Week's Scripture:** Galatians 2:11-21