

CONFIRMATION WORSHIP NOTES

Name: _____

Date: _____

Why is the resurrection a key piece of the Gospel?

How would you explain to someone the importance of Jesus' resurrection?

What was the confession of faith today?

What part of the church calendar year are we in this week?

What questions do you have for the pastor?

Confirmation Sermon Notes

Sermon Series: Practice Resurrection

Sermon Title: If/Then

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:12-25(26-34)

Write down the Next Step for this week:

Study Guide

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-34 out loud, slowly.

Pay particular attention to vv. 12-25

What are the "if/then" statements Paul makes in this passage?

Why is Paul talking about resurrection using "if/then" language?

Is this helpful for you? Why or why not?

1 Cor. 15:12-14 essentially repeat the same point multiple times. What is the point Paul makes?

How does the point Paul makes get emphasized even more in verses 15-16?

Is this hyperbole? Why or why not?

How does the statement in verse 17 bring clarity?

1 Cor. 15:18-19 contrast death and life. What do these verses communicate about the hope Christ brings us?

Continuing in verses 20-22, Paul connects the resurrection of Jesus with the creation/fall narrative from Genesis 1-3.

What is the clear declaration of Good News in this?

Why is the phrase "in Christ" of great importance in this teaching about resurrection?

What is the potential, problematic misunderstanding if the phrase "in Christ" is not included in the text?

What does the term "firstfruits" mean? (See Lev. 23:10-11)

Read Colossians 1:18 and 1 Thessalonians 4:16 to get a more complete understanding of what Paul is writing about in 1 Cor 15:23-24.

How would you describe what is being communicated in vv. 23-24 to someone who has never read the Bible?

1 Cor. 15:25 uses the word "must" with regards to the reign of Jesus over his enemies.

Why is "must" a key word?

How does Psalm 110:1 emphasize the use of the word "must"?

The language of 1 Cor. 15:26-28 reads almost like a fantasy novel. Why is this reign, subjection, death being destroyed language helpful for thinking about and believing in the resurrection of the dead?

What is the Good News in vv. 26-28?

How do you see Paul's argument in vv. 29-34 lived out today?

What questions do you have about resurrection after reading/discussing this passage?

How would you explain the importance of Jesus' resurrection now?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:35-58 to prepare the next part of the sermon series.

Next Steps: Write an if/then statement about the importance of the resurrection for you.

Next Week's Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:35-58