

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Ice Breaker: What's an evidence of God's grace you've seen this week?

Ice Breaker: What has been one thing that has stuck with you thus far in our Life After Death series?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **Read 1 Corinthians 15:50-58:** What are some of the overall themes of the book of 1 Corinthians (use a study bible for help, if needed)? What is the context of chapter 15?
2. What is one piece of historical context that you think is helpful to understand chapter 15? What was happening in Corinth or what were the Corinthians believing that caused Paul to write this part of the letter?
3. What is the problem that Paul sets out for us in verse 50? Why is it a problem and what's at stake? How could you use this problem to begin a gospel conversation with someone whose body is failing?
4. **Read Verses 12-19:** What is Paul's argument in these verses? How does this influence or support what he will go on to say? Why is this point SO critical for our faith and future?
5. What things do you see in this large passage (15:12-58) that speaks to what our resurrection bodies will be like? What characteristics do you notice? Which one/s stand out most and why?
6. What does Paul mean when he says, "For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality (v.53)."? What is Paul saying about our current bodies?
7. **Read Verses 54b-55:** Where do the two OT quotes come from? Put together, what truth is Paul teaching us? What encouragements or hopes come to mind when you read these verses?
8. How can you use these verses (54b-55) to encourage someone else who is suffering or dying? How about to encourage someone who is caring for a loved one who is physically declining? How could you use these verse to encourage someone who is physically fit (in other words, how can these verses encourage ALL of us)?
9. As each one of us faces death one day, how should we be preparing our hearts now for that day? How does verses 58 speak to us today and our mission on earth?