"The Evidence of Christ's Resurrection" (1Corinthians 15:1-11)

Christianity is unique and above all other beliefs because our Savior has risen from the dead and is alive! Christ's resurrection validates everything He said as 100% trustworthy. Today we will consider the overwhelming evidence that Jesus is indeed alive!

• The Evidence of the Scriptures (3-4) (Isaiah 53:5-6; Acts 2:23-32; 26:22-23)

• The Evidence of Eye Witnesses (5-7) (John 20:19, 27; Acts 1:3; Luke 1:1-4; 24:36-43)

• The Evidence of <u>Changed Lives</u> (9-11) (1Timothy 1:13-16; 1 Corinthians 6:11; 15:34, 58; Acts 4:13)

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Small Group Discussion Guide

<u>Icebreaker</u>: It was encouraging news for the disciples to learn that Jesus was alive! What is some good news you have received (maybe recently) that has encouraged you?

Discussion Questions

- 1. Paul warns us not to believe the gospel "in vain." What does he mean by this? How did his life show that he did not "believe in vain" per 1 Cor 15:10? (see also 1 Cor 15:58)
- 2. What is "the gospel" according to 1 Cor 15:3-4? Why is the record of the Old Testament important for the gospel?
- 3. How would you answer someone who asked how you can be so sure that the Bible is the Word of God?
- 4. How does Paul show us the right way to think about our past, even if it contains much sin (v 9-10)? How can God's grace help us to be "victors" rather than "victims" of our past?
- 5. Paul is a testimony of a changed life by the power of the resurrection! How can your life be different because Christ arose?

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6. What motivated Paul to labor so hard for the Lord (vv 9-10)? What motivates you to keep on laboring hard for the Lord?