

Message by John Johnson
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What If There Was No Resurrection?
1 Corinthians 15:12-20

The Corinthians to whom Paul wrote this epistle were believers. They had put their faith in Christ's sacrificial death. Yet there were apparently some in the Corinthian church that did not believe resurrection was possible. It is toward this objection that Paul directed his comments in 15:12-20.

Questions for Discussion:

1. Are there any specifics you recall from the message that were interesting or challenging to you?
2. Ask someone in the group to read the entire passage out loud. Then read it through again, one verse at a time. For each of the following verses, what would be the awful ramification for us ... if it were actually true that resurrection is not possible?

vs. 13 _____
(then Christ could not have risen)

vs. 14 _____
(our message is worthless; and our faith is a hoax)

vs. 15 _____
(we are false witnesses)

vs. 16 _____
(then Christ could not have risen)

vs. 17 _____
(our faith is futile; and we are still in our sins)

vs. 18 _____
(believers who die will never make it to heaven; death wins)

vs. 19 _____
(we are the most pitiful of all)

3. As a group, take turns sharing what the resurrection means to you, or how it has impacted your life.