

STUDY GUIDE WEEK 15

KEY VERSE OF WEEK 15

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

CONTEXT

As we dig into Chapter 15, we can see that Paul is helping the church to understand that all that he has addressed before is rooted in the resurrection of Christ.

Tim Keller wrote the following in his book, "The Reason for God: Belief in an age of Skepticism":

"If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that he said; if he didn't rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what he said? The issue on which everything hangs is not whether or not you like his teaching but whether or not he rose from the dead."

As you have been in this study, you have read all the things that have been going on in the church at Corinth. Paul loved this Church very much and wanted them to be united, not in pride or in sin...he wanted them to be united by one thing: The Gospel of Jesus Christ. Why? Because he knows that believing in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the only thing that can bring a broken and sinful church together. Believing in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, is the only thing that can bring a broken and sinful person in right relationship with a Holy God. Christ alive and reigning in your heart and mine is the only thing that can save and change hearts and our world. These days, many have suggested alternative solutions. People have tried to add an "&" to the gospel by suggesting "Jesus &" fill in the blank. It's not the gospel if you add an "&" to Jesus. Paul wanted the church at Corinth to know it wasn't an "&" for them either. So, if you haven't made a decision yet about what you believe about The Gospel, spend some time re-reading verse 3 and 4 of this chapter. Consider the quote from Pastor Tim Keller that we posted at the beginning of this study, and ask yourself what you believe about The Gospel. Ask yourself if there is anything you may be trying to add an "&" to The Gospel. The Gospel means "Good News", but it's only Good News for those that receive it. What about you? And if you have said "yes", how is it changing you and those around you?

Chapter 15 is a great reminder that because of the resurrection, this family of God is forever. Did you ever think about that? I, (Amy-Jo) remember several years ago we wanted to buy a new townhome and the construction company did the weirdest thing. They said they would open their doors and the first people that came to put their downpayment down on the lot they wanted, would get that lot. The night before we were to get in line, we drove past the property and discovered that people were already standing in line! We raced home and got sleeping bags and lawn chairs and sat in our spot for the entire night. As we were waiting, we realized this odd but true revelation. The people that were around us, would be our neighbors. We were literally camping out with our future neighbors! As I was thinking about that funny night, it reminds me of our churches. The people we attend church with are our brothers and sisters in Christ. If they believe The Gospel, the won't just be in church with us until we die....they are our forever family! We are hanging out with the people that we will hang out with forever in Heaven with Jesus! This was a foreign concept to The Greeks. They literally had no word for resurrection so that is why the words "to awaken" or "to raise" are used in greek. The Christians in Corinth despite the lack of unity in some areas, were seeing evidence of The Resurrection within each other. They were seeing transformation taking place within themselves and others, but it wasn't as evident as in other churches because of the disunity which was hindering love. Paul keeps reminding them to hold on to the gospel. Through Christ's power, His love will bring them together.

Praying for you, Sis!

P.S. There's only one more study left, so make sure you get your party poppers, confetti, or however you want to celebrate. Make sure you post your pictures of how you finished this study! If you finish AND post a picture tagging @girlsministrycollective before January 31, 2021, we'll send you a special sticker to congratulate you!



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"UNIFIED UNDER THE GOSPEL"

1 CORINTHIANS 15

■ **WHAT IS ONE WAY THE RESURRECTION AND THE GOSPEL CHANGED YOU?**

■ **HOW DOES THE RESURRECTION UNIFY THE CHURCH? HOW DOES THE RESURRECTION ENCOURAGE US TO LOVE OTHERS?**

■ **DO YOU EVER THINK ABOUT WHAT IT WILL BE LIKE WHEN WE ARE IN HEAVEN?
HOW DOES 1 CORINTHIANS 15 CHANGE YOUR PERSPECTIVE?**

■ **DO YOU SURROUND YOURSELF WITH GOOD COMPANY? HOW HAVE YOU SEEN BAD
COMPANY AFFECT YOU? ARE THERE RELATIONSHIPS YOU NEED TO INVEST MORE IN?**

■ **WHAT'S IT LOOK LIKE TO BE IMMOVABLE AND STEADFAST IN YOUR FAITH? WHAT ARE
SOME PRACTICAL THINGS YOU CAN DO TO BE STEADFAST?**

BIBLE READING PAGE



PRAY

Before you start to read the chapter of the week, ask The Lord to help you read His Word today. Ask Him to teach you today. Ask Him to see things in your own life you can't see. Ask Him to help you take what you read and apply it.

READ

What verses are you reading from today? _____

What version of the bible are you reading it in today? (Try reading it in 3 different translations. Circle the translations you are reading it in below.)

Formal Translations:

"word for word" translation

New American Standard
English Standard Version
Holman Christian Standard
Revised Standard Version
New RSV

Functional Translations:

"Thought for thought"

New International Version
New American Bible
Revised English Bible
Good News Bible
New Living Translation

Free Translations:

"A Paraphrase"

New English Bible
Living Bible
The Message

IN YOUR OWN WORDS

Write out what is happening in the verses you read. Put it in your own words.

APPLY

Reflect on what you just read, and walk through these questions with Jesus.

Is there a sin I need to confess to Him and ask Him to forgive me?

Is there a truth that I need to believe today?

Is there a promise that I need to hear and hold on to today?

Is there something I need to ask The Lord to help me live differently because of what I just read?

QUESTIONS

What questions came up when you read the verses today? Were there words or customs that you didn't understand? Write those out. Those are important to not just pass over. Those are some of the ways He calls your attention to something you need to pay attention to in your own life.

PRAY/JOURNAL

Take some time to pray/journal after your time of reading. Ask God to change your heart so that you look more and more like Him and less and less like the world. Ask Him to break your heart for what breaks His heart. Ask Him to help you focus on Him and less on what is all around you.