



# message

## RESURRECTION GRACE

RESURRECTION HOPE | APRIL 19/20, 2014 | PASTOR MATT ERICKSON | 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

*"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."* (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

### The Inescapable Condition of Humanity

- Traces of the divine presence in creation and beauty (Psalm 19:1)
- Traces of eternity in the human heart and our longings (Ecclesiastes 3:11)

### The Resurrection Story (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

- Christ died for our sins
- Christ was buried
- Christ was raised on the third day

### Three Witnesses of the Resurrection (Exodus 20:14; Matthew 5:27-30)

- The church exists (1 Corinthians 15:1-2)
- The Scripture is fulfilled (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)
- The post-resurrection appearances to many (1 Corinthians 15:5-9)

### Resurrection Grace (1 Corinthians 15:10-11)

- Who we are (1 Corinthians 15:10a)
- What we need (1 Corinthians 15:10b)
- How we get what we need (1 Corinthians 15:1, 11)

# discussion

## FOR LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION, CLARIFICATION & PRAYER

1. What comes into your mind when you hear the word 'resurrection'?
2. This weekend at Eastbrook we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from death. It is an amazing aspect of our faith. Pray that God would speak to you and help you grow in understanding the resurrection. Then, take some time to read one or more of the Gospel accounts of Jesus' resurrection: Matthew 28:1-20; Mark 16:1-20; Luke 24:1-53; or John 20:1-31.
3. What catches your attention about the account of Jesus' resurrection? For example: what actually happened?; how do people respond to the resurrection?; what seems surprising or out of place?
4. If you were one of the first witnesses of the resurrection, how do you think you might have responded?
5. Now, read 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 aloud. How do Paul's words here affirm and broaden what we read in the Gospel accounts?
6. Paul is writing to an early church in the city of Corinth in modern-day Greece. Most of these people likely had never seen Jesus in their earthly lives. What do you think Paul is trying to teach them through these first sentences of 1 Corinthians 15?
7. What challenges to their faith in the resurrection of Jesus might the Corinthian believers have faced? What challenges do you face today related to the resurrection of Jesus? How do Paul's words address these challenges?
8. What is one thing God is speaking to you through this study? If you are alone, write it down. If you are with a small group, discuss these things with one another.

*[Next week we continue our exploration of resurrection themes by looking at 1 Corinthians 15:12-19. We will talk about why resurrection has such significance for the Christian faith.]*