



Sermon Discussion Guide

April 5, 2026

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

1. Warm-Up

For younger kids:

- What's your favorite kind of news to hear? (Fun news? Surprising news? Important news?)

For everyone:

- What's the difference between:
 - **Hard news** (facts that are true no matter what), and
 - **Soft news** (advice or suggestions)?

Can you think of examples of each?

2. The Big Idea

Christianity is not mainly advice—it is **news**.

And the most important news is this: **Jesus died and rose again**.

- Why is it important that Christianity is **first a fact** and not just a way of life?
- What happens if we treat it like “optional advice”?

3. The Resurrection Is an Undeniable Fact

Read together: **1 Corinthians 15:3–8**

Discuss:

- What evidence does Paul give that Jesus really rose?
- Why does it matter that there were **many eyewitnesses**?

For kids:

- If 500 people all saw the same thing, is that believable?

For adults:

- Which false explanation do people use today (myth, hallucination, conspiracy)?
- Why don't those explanations hold up?

Key takeaway:

- Christianity stands or falls on a **real historical event**

4. The Resurrection Is a Relevant Fact

- How does death affect how people live?
- Without the resurrection, what would be the point of:
 - Work?
 - Family?
 - Achievements?
- How does Jesus' victory over death change:
 - The way you think about the future?
 - The way you live right now?

Key takeaway:

- The resurrection doesn't just matter later—it changes **everything now**

5. The Resurrection Makes Grace a Fact

Read together:

- **1 Corinthians 15:9–10**
- (Optional) Matthew 28:10 (“Go tell my brothers...”)
- Why does Paul call himself the “least”?
- What changed him?
- What does it say about Jesus that He calls sinful disciples “brothers”?
- What does that mean for **your sins**?
- Do you ever feel like your sins are “too much” for God? How does the resurrection answer that fear?

Key takeaway:

- Because Jesus lives, **your forgiveness is not a possibility—it's a fact**

6. Hard Question

Do you treat Christianity more like:

- Hard news (truth that shapes everything), or Soft news (helpful when convenient)?
- What would it look like to take the resurrection seriously in:
 - Priorities?
 - Church life?
 - Forgiveness?
 - Obedience?

7. Living It Out This Week

Choose 1–2 as an individual or family:

- **Worship:** Make church a non-negotiable priority
- **Word:** Read a resurrection account this week (Matthew 28, John 20)
- **Forgiveness:** Forgive someone as Christ forgave you
- **Prayer:** Thank Jesus daily for defeating death
- **Witness:** Share the “hard news” of Jesus with someone

8. Closing Prayer:

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through Baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever. Amen.