

SMALL GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Watch the video summary of the **April 20, 2014 Sermon** (3.5 minutes), "Of First Importance." Please read the sermon passage (1 Corinthians 15:1-11) together out loud.

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Sermon Outline:

IN LIGHT OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD, NOTE . . .

1. **The personal faith we need to establish (vv 1-2)**
2. **The critical events we need to connect (vv 3-4)**
 - a. Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures
 - b. Christ was buried
 - c. Christ was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures
3. **The physical appearances we need to consider (vv 5-11)**

Small Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, a., above: **Do you have a personal faith based exclusively on the work Christ did on the cross?** How has your faith in Christ produced security for you when you face trials and trouble? How has your faith in Christ produced the fruit of the Spirit in your life? (Galatians 5:22-24)
2. Based on #2, above: History matters. Faith that cannot be tested, can't be trusted. We can test the claims and details of Jesus' life by looking to facts in time. What facts about Jesus' life and ministry are still fuzzy to you? In what way have you studied God's Word so you would know the facts and be able to interact with your own doubts, or the doubts of a friend?
3. Based on #2, a., above: The Jewish leaders of the day did not expect a messiah who would suffer or die. Why is it crucial that Jesus died "in accordance with the Scriptures?" What would you say to a friend who would say, "Your Messiah is weak because he died at the hands of man?"
4. Based on #2, c. above: Jesus' resurrection showed that he is the one and only messiah, that he is God, and that he has power over death. Discuss how Christ's resurrection has changed your life.
5. Based on #3 above: Two witnesses would have been sufficient. But Christ appeared to well over 500 people who could all attest to his resurrection. How does this fact inform and encourage your faith in God?