

The Step Worth Taking
1 Corinthians 15:1-11

We are living in a very stressful time. In the realm of economics and finances, there appears to be a meltdown. In the realm of marriage, there appears to be deep struggles. In the realm of jobs, there is a deep uncertainty. There don't seem to be answers. There seems to be the mood of fear, despair, and distress. The idea of "trust" seems to be almost destroyed. This morning let's go to the truth that hasn't changed: the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Let's find our hope there. Let's learn to trust God in what He's doing and let's learn to hope in where He's taking us.

1 Corinthians 15:1-5

- (1) Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand,
- (2) By which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.
- (3) For I delivered to you as of the first importance what I also received,

that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

- (4) and that He was buried

and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures

- (5) and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.”

John 1:12-13

Day by Day in the Word of God

“Day by Day in the Word” is a tool we use to help in the transformation process in which the Spirit of God uses the Word of God to bring about Christlikeness.

Monday-Tuesday

- Let's spend some time today in 1 Corinthians 15:3-8. What does it mean that “he died for our sins”? See John 1:29; Isaiah 53:5; 1 Peter 2:24. What other verses help you to understand this phrase? Why is it important to say that he was buried?
- How does this knowledge help you in your walk with Jesus? You could pull in our work through Colossians 3 (take off, put on).
- Spend time in 2 Corinthians 5:15 and identify what living for Jesus looks like in a concrete manner. Share this with a friend.

Wednesday-Thursday

- Spend some time today in 1 Corinthians 15:3-8. What does it mean to say that “he was raised on the third day according to Scriptures”? What does resurrection mean? What is the connection between his resurrection and our future resurrection?
- Focus your attention on the Scriptures which talk about Christ's resurrection in the Old Testament. See Psalm 2:7-9 and Acts 13:33 (Revelation 19:15); Psalm 16:9-11 and Acts 2:24-28, 31 and Acts 13:34-37; Psalm 118:22-23 and Mark 12:10-11 and Acts 4:10-11.
- See also Isaiah 53:10-12 and Hosea 6:2.
- What hope do you find with Christ's resurrection? See Romans 10:9; 8:38-39; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22, 52-54. How does this affect your life as you walk with Jesus?

Friday-Saturday

Jesus appeared to a variety of people:

- Mary Magdalene, in John 20:10-18
- The other women, in Matthew 28:8-10
- Cleopas and another disciple on the road to Emmaus, in Luke 24:13-32
- Eleven disciples and others, in Luke 24:33-49
- Ten apostles and others, with Thomas absent, in John 20:19-23
- Thomas and the other apostles, in John 20:26-30
- Seven apostles, in John 21:1-14
- The disciples, in Matthew 28:16-20
- With the apostles at the Mount of Olives before his ascension, in Luke 24:50-52 and Acts 1:4-9
- See 1 Corinthians 15:3-8.

Why is it important to know that He appeared to so many? What kind of impact does this evidence have on your faith and your walk with Jesus? See John 20:30-31.

Look for an opportunity to share the Good News about Jesus' death and resurrection with someone that the Lord brings across your pathway.