

Group Discussion Guide: 1 Corinthians 15:12-58 | February 26, 2023

Open with prayer and Scripture (10 minutes).

Take a few minutes to acknowledge God's presence as you begin your group time. Ask Him to help your group have a good discussion and to help you internalize the Scriptures.

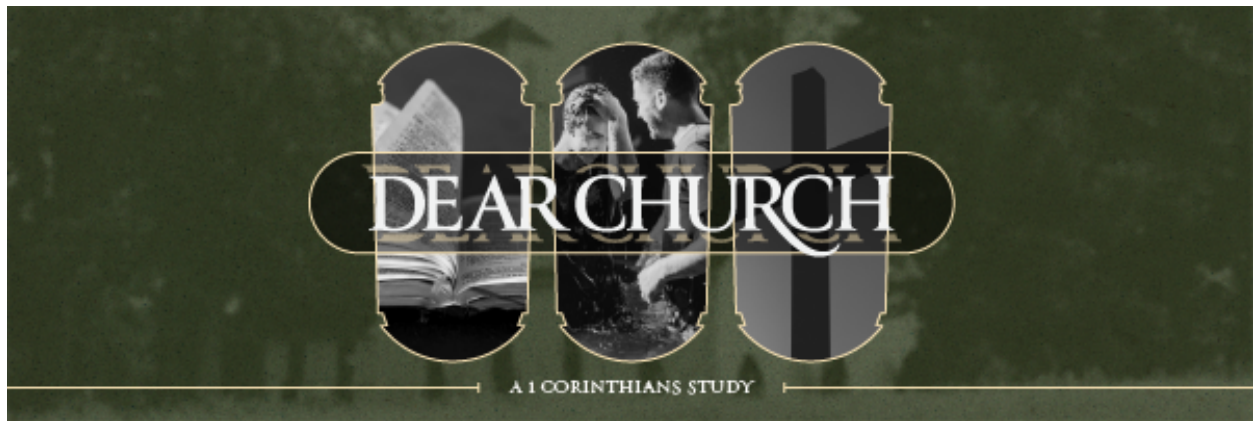
When finished with prayer, open up **1 Corinthians 15:12-58** and read the entire section aloud for your group. Allow the Scriptures to pour over you.

When finished, take some time to debrief the sermon and what you just read.

Read Scripture and debrief the sermon (35 minutes).

As always, feel free to pick the questions that resonate most with where you believe the Lord is leading your group or even create some of your own. Discern where your group is and use these as a guide, not as a checklist to work through.

- What resonates with you from this text? What challenges you? What do you think this text means for your life?
- When was a time you felt hopeless? What other feelings came with that time? How did that affect your day to day reality?
- Emerson said that this passage had a simple emphasis: What God did for Jesus, He'll do for you, He'll do for all creation. Think back to the sermon, how would you explain that phrase if someone asked you about it?
- **Read 1 Peter 1:13.** What are common things that people often put their hope in instead of God and God's future? What does Peter tell us to set our hope on?
- How does hope differ from blind optimism? When have you subjected yourself to blind optimism and suffered in doing so?
- In his message, Emerson talked about how "what we believe about the future will shape what we do in the present." How has this been true in your own life? How does this concept apply to this passage?
- **Read 1 Corinthians 15:33-34, 53.** What commands does Paul have for the Corinthians from these verses? How would a deeply internalized conception of God's future of resurrection and new creation help the Corinthians live into what Paul is calling them to? How does it call *you* to accomplish what Paul says in these verses?



- How can you cultivate hope in your life starting today?
- What do you feel like the Holy Spirit's invitation for you is after hearing and reflecting on this past weekend's message?

Break into gendered accountability groups for accountability (30 minutes).

- How was your week?
- What has been consuming your thoughts? What have you been feeling?
- How has your faithfulness to Jesus been lately? Where are you struggling with faithlessness?
- What would 1% more faithfulness to Jesus look like in your relationships? In your finances? In your sexual life? In your parenting? In your work environment?
- Lastly, take a few minutes to read **1 Corinthians 15:1-11**. Then, pray the truths from this text over one another.

Come back together as a large group to finish with intercessory prayer (10 minutes).

Like each week, finish your group session with prayer. You might designate someone in your group to write down everyone's prayer requests and then send them to the whole group for everyone to be praying about through the week.

- What is on your heart that you need prayer for?
- Who in your life needs prayer?

Have someone close your time together by interceding for the requests that were shared.