

Discussion Guide Questions
1 Corinthians 15:12-19
4/11/21 sermon

Open (something fun/engaging to get everyone sharing)

- Do you ever have spiritual conversations with people who are not believers? If so, what kinds of things come up in those conversations? What questions do that have? What do they think about?
- Jamie shared the 7 principles of the Unitarian Universalists, a way of thinking that may more closely resemble what many in our culture today believe rather than Christianity. How would you respond to any of these principles from a Christian worldview?
 - 1st Principle: The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
 - 2nd Principle: Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
 - 3rd Principle: Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
 - 4th Principle: A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
 - 5th Principle: The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
 - 6th Principle: The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
 - 7th Principle: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.



Observation (What do we learn from this passage?)

- What consequences does Paul list if we do not believe in the resurrection of the dead?
- Which one of them jumps out to you, and why?
- What does it mean to “misrepresent God”? What are some ways that we may see that in action?
- What is the main truth of verse 19?

Application (How are we to live in light of this passage?)

- What do you think causes us to get wobbly in holding to the truths of Scripture?
- In what ways does eternity affect the choices you make day to day?
- How do you make a distinction between what are things that must be believed if you are to be a Christian, and what are things that Christians can disagree on even while trying to be faithful to God's Word? Can you think of any examples of what would fall into each category?

(Kneel in) Prayer – (What can we ask our Father, giver of good gifts?)

- Let's pray that we would remain steadfast in our gospel belief, and that those who are being persuaded by other arguments would see the truth.
- Let's pray for those who have lost loved ones this last year and are hoping for a joyful reunion.