

## **Sermon Based Discussion**

**Sermon Title: Building Your Life on Jesus' Resurrection**

**Sermon Series: Building Your Life on Jesus (Part 7)**

**Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20**

### **INTRODUCTION**

In a world of political correctness, some people may think that we should respect all views. If that's true, the people should respect the Christian view of the resurrection of Jesus. And they should also look respectfully upon the life of a devout Christ. But Paul disagrees. Paul bluntly states that if the resurrection is not true, then frankly, Christians are idiots!

Paul has a point. In this session, we'll see how vital the belief in Jesus' resurrection is, and the implications of building one's life on Jesus' resurrection.

### **OPENING QUESTION**

1. To a contemporary person, how believable is the idea that someone rose from the dead (after 3 days in a tomb)?

### **INTO THE BIBLE (Read Romans 5:6-11)**

2. What is the major false view Paul addresses in this passage? Would you expect professing Christians to hold this view that Paul considers incorrect?
3. Paul assumes for the sake of argument that there is no resurrection of the dead. What are the consequences he lists of such a view?

### **GOING DEEPER**

The point of this passage is how futile the Christian life would be if the resurrection of Christ did not happen. You may have questions about the truthfulness of this claim, and you should follow-up on those questions. But our focus here is on the implications on Christianity if there is no resurrection. With that in mind, consider these questions.

4. If a Christian lived a life built on the resurrection of Jesus, and it turned out that Jesus never rose from the dead, how does Paul think we should view such a person? Would you agree or disagree?
5. If a Christian deeply believed in the resurrection of Christ and the dead, how would such a person's life look like compared to those who do not believe?

### **WHAT WILL YOU DO?**

There are two choices we could choose from. If we don't believe in the resurrection, then it's actually right (and biblical!) to consider Christians fools. But if we believe that Jesus rose from the dead and made a way for us to rise from the dead, then we should live radically sold out lives for the sake of Christ. Let us not straddle any fences, but consider how this changes everything.

What decisions or situations are you facing? How should the resurrection of Christ influence those choices in your life? Pray and ask God to help you grow in building your life on Jesus' resurrection.

### **CHANGING YOUR MIND**

*... if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith... And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins... If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. (1Corinthians 15:14, 17, 19, NIV)*