The Greatness of the Resurrection Evidence of the Resurrection | 1 Corinthians 15:6-11

Ohana Group Discussion Questions: Week of May $4^{\mbox{th}}, 2025$

OVERVIEW

Paul recounts the appearances of the risen Christ to various witnesses—including over 500 people—emphasizing the reality and credibility of the resurrection. He humbly includes his own encounter with Christ, highlighting God's grace in transforming him from a persecutor to an apostle.

OHANA TIME!

Icebreaker: If you could witness any historical event (besides the resurrection!), which would you choose? Or What's your go-to "feel good" food or comfort meal after a long week?

Activity: Bless your missionary with a letter, call, or message!

PRAYER

Pray: "Lord, thank You for the power of Your resurrection and the grace that transforms broken lives into testimonies of Your love."

BIBLE: READ 1 CORINTHIANS 15:6-11

- 1. How many groups or individuals does Paul say saw the risen Christ (vv. 6–8)?
- 2. Why does Paul mention that many of the 500 witnesses are "still living" (v. 6)?
- 3. What does Paul emphasize by listing so many witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus? How does the diversity of witnesses— from groups to individuals—add credibility to the resurrection account?
- 4. What does Paul mean by saying he was "abnormally born" (v.8)? How does this unusual phrase reflect Paul's unique calling and his experience compared to the other apostles?
- 5. Why do you think Paul includes his own story of encountering the risen Christ last (v. 8–9)?
- 6. Paul repeats "grace" three times in verse 10. How does Paul describe the effect of God's grace in his life?
- 7. Paul ends this section by saying that whether it was he or the other apostles, "this is what we preach, and this is what you believed" (v. 11). Why might Paul want to emphasize unity in message despite differences in background or ministry?

APPLICATION

- Paul provides eyewitness evidence to affirm that the resurrection truly happened (vv. 6–8), knowing that faith often needs both reason and reassurance. When doubts arise, do you tend to avoid them, wrestle through them, or seek answers? Why do you think you respond that way? What helped (or could help) strengthen your faith in those moments—Scripture, prayer, personal experiences, community, apologetics, etc.?
- 2. Paul was deeply aware of his past failures—he calls himself the "least of the apostles" and a former persecutor of the church (v. 9)—yet he didn't let that disqualify him from serving Christ. Instead, he leaned into God's grace and allowed it to reshape his life and purpose. What past regrets, failures, or feelings of unworthiness tend to hold you back from fully embracing your role in God's mission?

